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Englande Fraunce and
Irelande, defendour of
the faith, and of the
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1544

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Henry VIII year 35 (1544)

The most important Acts of the Session were probably

Cap i & Cap ii

Cap i: Clarified the succession to the Crown - if Edward died without issue. In that event Mary & the Elizabeth were to succeed him.

Cap ii: declared that Henry's title was to include the words 'King of France' and 'Defender of the Faith' & 'supreme head of the Church of England'.
Any attempt to deprive the King or his successors of these titles was treason.

- see Lambrey, Late Parliament of 1538

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EYGH T BY THE GRACE OF
GOD KYNGE OF ENGLANDE FRAVNCE

AND IRELANDE, DEFENDOV R OF THE FAITH,

and of the church of Englande, and also of Ireland,

in earthe the supreme heade ; to the honour of almyghtie

God, and for the concorede, quiete, and wealthe of this

his realme, and subiectes of the same, beganne this

thirde Session of his moste high court of parliament at

Westminster, the XIIII. daye of Januarie, in the

fiue and thyrty yere of his maiesties moste no-

ble and victorions reigne, and there held

and continued the same thirde ses-

sion tyll the xxix. day of Marche,



in the sayd fiue and thyrty

yere, wherin were esta-

blishede these actes

folowynge.



 LONDINI 

IN ædibus Thomæ Bertheleti regij im-
pressoris typis excusum.

ANNO verbi incarnati M. D. XLIIII.

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MENDVM SOLVM.

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An Acte concerning the establishment of the kynges maiesties succession
in the Imperiall crowne of this realme. Cap.i.



WHERE IN THE parliament, holdē at Westminster, the
VIII. day of June, in the XXVIII. yere of the reigne of our
most dread soueraigne lord king HENRY the VIII. an act
was had and made for the establishment of the succession of
the imperiall crowne of this realme of England, by whych
acte emonges diuers other thinges, it was enacted, that the
imperial crowne of this realme, with al dignities, honours, preeminences,
prerogatiues, auctorities, and iurisdiccions to the same annexed, or belon-
ging, shuld be to the kynges maiestie & his heyres of his body lawfully be-
gotten: that is to saye, to the fyrst sonne of his body betwene his highnes &
his the lawfull wife quene IANE now deceased begotten, & to the heyres
of the bodye of the same fyrste sonne lawfully begotten. And for defaulte of
such heyres, then to the second sonne of his highnes bodye, and of the bodye
of the sayde quene Jane begotten, and to the heyres of the body of the same
second sonne begotten, wyth diuers other limitations of the estates. conuey-
ance, and remainders of the sayde imperial crowne, and other the premises.
And it was also enacted further by the said statute, that for lacke of issue of
our sayd soueraigne lord the kings body lawfully begotten. That then his
highnes shulde and mighte geue, will, limite, assigne, appoynt, or dispose
the sayd imperial crowne, & other the premises, to what person or persons,
and geue the same person or persons suche estate in the same, as it shoulde
please his maiestie: by his gracious letters patents vnder the greate seale,
or by hys last will in writing, signed with hys most gracious hande, as by
the same act emonges diuers other thinges therein cōteyned more at large it
doth appere. Sithen the makynge of which acte the kynges maiestie hathe
onely issue of his body lawfully begotten betwixt his highnes and his sayd
late wyse queene Jane, the noble and excellent prince, prynce Edward,
whome almightie god long preserue. And also his maiestie hath now of late
sythen the deth of the sayd quene Jane, take to his wife the most vertuous
and gracypoule ladye Katheryne, now quene of Englande, late wyse of
John Reuill, knight, lord Latimer deceased, by whom as yet his maiestie
hath none issue, but may haue full well, when it shall please god. And foras-
much as our sayd most dread soueraigne lord the kinge, vpon good and iuste
groundes and causes, entendeth by gods grace, to make a voyage royall in
hys most royal person. into the realme of France against his auncient ene-
mie the frenche kyng: hys highnes most prudentlye and wysely considering
and caling to hys remembraunce, how this realme standeth at this present
tyme in the case of successiō, and pausing and waieng further with him self,
the great trust and confidence that his louing subiectes haue had, and haue
in him, putting in his handes wholy the ordre and declaratiō of the succe-
sion of this realme: Recognising and knowleging also, that it is in the only
pleasure

pleasure and will of almighty god, how longe his highnes or his sayd entierly beloued sonne prince EDVARDE shall lyue, and whether the sayd prince shall haue heires of his body lawfully begotten or not, or whether his highnes shall haue heyres begotten and procreated betwene his maiestie and his sayd most dere and entierly beloued wife quene KATHERINE that now is, or any lawfull heyres and issues hereafter of his owne body begottē by any other his lawfull wife. And albeit that the kinges moost excellent maiestie, for default of such heyres as be enheritable by the saide acte, myght by the auctoritie of the sayd acte geue and dispose the sayd imperial crowne, & other the premisses, by his letters patentēs vnder his great seale, or by his last will in wrytyng signed with his moost gracious hand, to any person or persons, of suche estate therein, as shoulde please his highnes to limite and appoint: yet to the intent that is maiesties disposition and minde therein should be openlye declared and manifestly knowen, and notified as well to the lordes spirituall and tempozall, as to all other his louing and obedient subiectes of this his realme, to the intent that they assent and consent mighte appere to concurre with thus farre as foloweth of his maiesties declaration in this behalfe: His maiestie therfore thinketh conuenient, afore his departure beyond the seas, that it be enacted by his highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, and therfore be it enacted by thaurtority aforesayd, that in case it shal happen the kinges maiestie, and the sayd excellent prince his yet onely sonne prince EDWARDE and heyre apatāt, to deceasse without heyre of eyther of theyr bodies lawfully begotten (as god defend) so that there be no suche heyre male or female of any of theyr two bodies, to haue & enherite the sayd imperial crowne and other his dominions, according & in suche maner and fourme as in the foresaid act, & now in this is declared: That then the sayd imperial crowne, and all other the premisses, shalbe to the lady MARY, the kinges highnes daughter, and to the heyres of the body of the same lady Mary lawfully begotten, with such condicions, as by his highnes shalbe limited by his letters patentēs vnder his great seale, or by his maiesties last will in wryting signed with his gracious hand. And for defaulte of suche issue, the sayd imperial crowne and other the premisses, shalbe to the lady ELIZABETH, the kynges second daughter, and to the heyres of the body of the sayd lady Elizabeth lawfully begotten, with suche condicions, as by his highnes shalbe limited by his letters patentēs vnder his greates seale, or by his maiesties last will in wryting, signed with his gracious hand, any thyng in the sayd acte made in the sayd XXVIII. yere of our saide soueraigne lord, to the contrary of this acte, not withstanding.

¶ PROVIDED alwaye and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that if the sayd lady Mary do not kepe & performe such condicions, whych the kinges maiestie shal hereafter by his graces letters patentēs, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his maiesties last will in wryting, signed with his highnes

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nes hand, declare and limitte to her said estate, in the sayd imperial crowne, and other the premisses: That then and from thensforth, for lacke of heires of the seuerall bodies of the kynges maiestie and the sayde prynce Edward lawfully begotten, the sayd imperial crowne, and other the premisses, shalbe and come to the sayd lady Elizabeth, and to the heires of her body lawfully begotten, in suche lyke maner and forme, as though the sayd lady Mary were then deade, without any heire of her body begotten, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

CAND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if the sayde lady Mary do kepe and performe suche condicions, whiche the kynges maiestie shall hereafter by his graces letters patentes, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his maiesties last wil in wyting, signed with his highnes hand, declare and limitte to her sayde estate, as is aforesayde. And that the sayde lady Elizabeth, for her parte, do not kepe and performe suche condicions, whiche the kynges maiestie shall hereafter by his graces letters patentes, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his highnes laste wyll in wyttinge, signed with his most gracious hand, declare and limitte to her sayd estate in forme aforesaid: That then and from thensforth, for lacke of heires of the seuerall bodies of the kynges maiestie, the sayd lord prynce, and of the sayde lady Mary lawfully begotten, the sayde imperial crowne and other the premisses, shalbe and come to suche person and persons, and of suche estate and estates, as the kynges hyghnes by his letters patentes, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his last wil in wyting, signed with his maiesties hand, shall limitte and appoynte.

Provided alwaye that if the sayd lady Mary do not kepe and performe such condicions, whiche shalbe limited and appoynted to her sayde estate in the sayde imperial crowne, and other the premisses, as is aforesayd: and the sayde lady Elizabeth beinge then deade without any heire of her body lawfully begotten: That then and from thensforth, for lacke of heires of the seuerall bodies of the kynges maiestie, and the said lord prynce, lawfully begotten, the said imperial crowne, and other the premisses, shall be, come, and remayne, to suche person and persons, and of suche estate and estates, as the kynges highnes by his letters patentes, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his last wil in wyting, signed with his maiesties hande, shall limitte and appoynte.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that in case the kynges maiestie do not declare and limitte by his letters patentes, or by his last will, in forme as is aforesayd, any condicion to the estates and interestes afore limited to the said lady Mary and lady Elizabeth, nor to the state or interest of any of them: That then every such of the sayd lady Mary & lady Elizabeth, to whose estate or interest no condicion shalbe limited by the kynges maiestie in forme aforesayd, shall haue and enioye suche interest estate and remainder in the sayd imperial crowne, and other the premisses, as is before limited by this act, without any maner of condicion: Any thing

in this presente acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

C And foras much as it standeth in the onely pleasure & wyl of almyghty god, whether the kynges maiestie shall haue anye heyres begotten and procreated betwene his hyghnes, and hys sayde most entierly beloued wyfe quene Katherin, or by any other his lawfull wyfe, or whether the sayd prince Edward shal haue issue of his body lawfully begotten, or whether the lady Mary, and lady Elizabeth, or any of them, shall haue anye issue of anye of theyr seuerall bodies lawfully begotten, and if suche heyres shulde fayle (whych god defende) and no prouision made in the kynges lyfe, who shulde rule and gouerne this realme, for lacke of suche heyres, as in this present acte is afore mencioned: That then this realme, after the kinges transitory lyfe, and for lacke of suche heyres, shuld be destitute of a lawfull gouernour, to orde, rule and gouerne the same. Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie of thys present parliament, that the kynges highnes shall haue full power and auctoritie, to geue, dispose, appoynt, assigne, declare, and limite by hys gracious letters patentes vnder his great seale, or ells by his highnes last will made in wyting, and signed with his most gracious hand, at his only pleasure, from time to time hereafter, the imperiall crowne of this realme, & all other the premisses, to be, remaine, succede, and come after his deceasse, and for lack of lawfull heyres of either of the bodies of the kinges highnes and prince Edward begotten, and also for lake of lawfull heyres of the bodies of the sayd lady Mary, and lady Elizabeth to be procreated and begotten, as is afore limited in this acte, to such person or persons in remainder or reuersion, as shall please his highnes, & according to such estate, and after such manner and forme fashion order or condicion, as shalbe expressed declared named & limited in his highnes letters patentes, or by his last will in wyting signed with his most gracious hand, as is aforesayd: Any thing contraryed in this present act, or in the sayd former act, to the contrary therof in any wyle not withstanding.

C And for further corroboration of this presente acte, and of the sayde acte made in the sayde XXVII. yere of our sayd soueraigne lord, and also vterly to exclude the longe vsurped power auctoritie and iurisdiction of the bishoppes of Rome, where in the sayde acte made for the establisshement of the kynges succession, at the sayde parliament holden at Westminster the VIII. Daye of June, in the XXVII. yere of the kinges maiesties raigne, there is one oth limited in the sayd acte, as in the sayd acte amongst other thynges appereth. And tohere also at the sayde parlyament, there was an other statute made and ordeyned agaynst such as wolde both extoll and stand to the iurisdiction power and auctoritie of the see and bishop of Rome, in whych statute ther is comprised an other othe in suche wyse, as in the same statute amongst other thyngs is mencioned. Forasmuch as in both the sayd othes, mencioned in the sayd seueral actes, there lacketh ful and sufficient wordes, wherby some doubtes might arise: Therfore be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that from and after the laste day of this session, all
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and euery suche persone and persones, which be ordered and lymitted by the sayd seueral actes, to take the sayde othes mencioned in the same actes, shal from thenforth, in lieu and place of those two othes, take & sweare this cor-
poral othe, accordinge to the tenor ensuing. And that they, whiche haue alre-
dy sworne the other forsaide othes or any of them, shall take and esteeme it of
the same effecte and force, as though they had sworne this. Whiche former
othes notwithstanding, bicause they be not so pithie to al effectes, nor so
plainly fet forth, as were conuenient. Therfore be it enacted by auctozity of
thys present parliament, that after this present session, the sayd othes, speci-
fied in the said seueral actes, shal not hereafter be ministred, nor any person
hereafter be compelled to accept the same, and this othe hereafter mencioned
this acte, to stand in force and place of the sayde two othes.

C I, A. B. hauinge nowe the vaile of darcknes of the vsurped power, auc-
tozitie, and iurisdiction of the see and bishoppes of Rome clerely taken awa-
ye from myne eyes, do vtterly testify and declare in my conscience, that nei-
ther the see nor the bishop of Rome, nor any forayne potestate, hath nor
ought to haue any iurisdiction power, or auctozitie within this realme, nei-
ther by goddes lawe, nor by any other iust lawe or meanes. And though by
sufferaunce and abusions in times passed, they aforesayde haue vsurped, and
benedicated a fayned and an vnlawfull power and iurisdiction within this
realme, whyche hath ben supported tyll fewe yeres passed, therfore bycause it
might be demed and thoughte therby, that I toke or take it for iuste and
good, I therfore now do clerely and frankely renounce, refuse, relinquish
and forsake that pretended auctozite, power, and iurisdiction, both of the see
and bishop of Rome, and of al other forayne powers: And that I shal neuer
consent, nor agre, that the foresayd see or bishoppe of Rome, or any of theyr
successours, shall practise, exercise, or haue any maner of auctozitie, iuris-
diction, or power, within thys realme, or any other the kynges realmes or
Dominions, nor any forayne potestate, of what estate, degree, or condicion
so euer he be, but that I shall resiste the same at all times, to the vttermost
of my power: And that I shall beare faithe trouthe and trewe alegiaunce
to the kynges maiestie, and to his heyyes and successours, declared or here-
after to be declared by auctozity of the acte made in the session of the parlia-
mente holden at westminster the xiiij. day of January, in the xxxv. yere
and in the sayde acte made in the xxviij. yere of the kynges maiesties
reigne: And that I shall accept, repyte, and take the kynges maiestie, hyr
heyyes and successours, when they or any of them shal enioy his place, to be
the onely supreme head in earth vnder god of the church of Englande and
Ireland, and of al other his highnesses dominions: And that with my body
cunnynge, witte, and vttermoste of my power, without guile, fraude, or o-
ther vndue meane, I shall obserue, kepe, maynteyne, and defende all the
kynges maiesties styles, titles, and rightes, with the hole effectes and con-
tentis of the actes prouyded for the same, and all other actes and statutes
made or to be made within this realme, in and for that purpose, and the de-
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rogation, extirpation, and extinguisment of the vsurped and pretended auctoritie, power, and iurisdiction of the see and byshop of Rome, and all other forayne potestates, as afore: And also as well the sayde statute made in the sayde XXXVIII. yere, as the statute made in the sayde session of the parliament, holden the XXXV. yere of the kynges maiesties raigne, for establisshment and declaration of his highnes succession, and all actes and statutes made and to be made in conformation and coroboration of the kynges maiesties power, and supremacie in earthe of the curche of Englande, and of Irelande, and other his graces Dominions, I shall also defende and maintayne with my bodye and goodes, and with all my wytte and power, and this I shall do agaynste all maner of persons, of what estate, dignitie, degre or condition they be, and in no wise do nor attempt, nor to my power suffer, or knowe to be done or attempted, directly or indirectly, any thing or thinges priuill or apertly to the let, hinderance, damage, or derogation of any of the sayde statutes, or of any parte of them, by any maner of meanes, or for or by any maner of pretence. And in case any othe hath ben made by me to any person or persons, in maintenaunce, defence, or fauour of the see and bishop of Rome, or his auctoritie, iurisdiction, or power, or agaynste any the statutes aforesayde, I repute the same as bayne and adnihilate, and shall holly and truely obserue and kepe this othe, so helpe me god, all saintes, and the holy euangelistes.

¶ AND it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person and persons, spirytual and temporal, suing lynyary restitution or oustrele mayne, out of the kynges his heyres or successours handes, or doing any fealtie to his highnes his heyres or successours, or which shalbe swoorne to the kyng, his heyres or successours, or that shall haue any offyte, fee, or to wome of the most gracious gifte of the kynges maiestie, his heyres or successours, or shalbe receyued in seruice with his grace, his heyres or successours, shall make take or receaue the sayde othe. And that also all and euery other ecclesiasticall person, at the time of hys taking of orders, And al and euery other person, whiche shalbe promoted or preferred to anye degre of lernyng, in any vniuersitye within this his realme, or other the kynges Dominions, at the time of is or theyr promotion or preferment, or euery of them, shall make, take, and receyue the sayde othe, by this acte set forth and declared, as is aforesayde, before his or theyr ordinary, or the commissary of suche vniuersitie. And that all and singulier other the kynges maiesties subiectes and resiantes within this his graces realme, and others his maiesties Dominions, at hys highnes will and pleasure shall accepte and take the same othe, before suche commissioner or commissioners, as his highnes shal ap-
poynt for the same.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any persone or persons, limited or commaunded by thauctoritie of this acte, to make and take the sayd othe, or commaunded by any other person or persons, aucto-
rized by the kynges hyghnes commissyon vnder his greate seale, to make the
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sayd othe . oblitinately refuse that to doo: that then everie such offence and contempte shalbe high treason , and the offendours thereof , being lawfully convicted, shall suffer paynes of death, and other forfeitures, penalties, and losses, as is limited & accustomed in cases of high tresō, by any lawes or statutes of this realme, heretofore had or made in any wise cōcerning the same.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde , that if any person or persons, of what estate, degree, dignity, or condicion so ever they be, at any time hereafter, by wordes, wytyng, impryntyng, or by any exterior acte or dede, maliciouslye or wyllingly procure or doo, or cause to be procured or dooen directly or indirectly, any thing or thinges: to or for the interruption repell or adnullation of thys acte , or of any thinge there in conteyned , or of any thing that shalbe done by the kynges highnes, in the lunitacion and disposition of his maiesties crowne, & other the premysies, by auctoritie of the same: or to the peril flaunder or dishinherison of any the issues and heyres of the kynges maiestie, bepng lymited by thys act, to inherite & to be inheritable to the crowne of thys realme, in such forme as is aforesayde, or to the interruption or dishinherison of any person or persons, to whom the imperial crowne of this realme, and other the premysies, is assigned lymitted & appoynted by this act , or shalbe by the kynges maiesties letters patentes vnder hys hyghnes great seale, or by hys last wil in wytyng , signed wpyth hys most gracious hand lymyted & disposed by the auctoritie of this act , as is aforesayd , wher by any such issues or heyres of the kynges maiestie , or suche other person or persons, might be destroyed disturbed or interrupted, in bodye or title of the inheritaunce of the crowne of thys realme, as to them is limited in thys act in forme aboue rehearsed , or as to them shall be limited and assigned by the kynges highnes, by vertue and auctoritie of thys acte: that then everye suche person and persons, of what estate degree or condition so ever he or they be, and theyr aydours counsailours maynteynours & abbettours and every of them, for everye suche offence afore declared, shallbe adiudged hygh traytours, and that everye suche offence afore specified, shall be adiudged hyghe treason, & the offendours therein, theyr aydours counsailours maynteynours and abbettours, and every of them, beinge lawfully convict of anye suche offence, after the lawes and customes of thys Reame, shall suffer peynes of death, and losses and forfeitures, as in cases of hygh treason. Saving alway to every person and persones and bodyes politike, to theyr heyres assignes and successours , and to the heyres and successours of every of them, other than suche persones, as shall be so cōvict or attayned , and theyr heyres and successours, and al other claming to theyr vles, al suche ryght title vse interest possession condition rentes fees offices annuities and commons , which they or any of them shall haue, in or vppon anye suche manours landes tenementes rentes annuities or hereditamentes, that shal so happen to be lost and forfayt, by reason of anye conviction or attaynder for any the treasons and offences aboue rehearsed, at any time before the sayd treasons and offences committed.

An acte

¶ An acte concernynge the triall of treasons committed out of
the kynges maiesties dominions. Cap. ii



Or asmuche as some doubtes and questions haue bene moued, that certayne kindes of treasons mysprysions and concelemens of treasons, done perpetrated or committed out of the kynges maiesties realme of Englande, and other his graces dominions, can not, ne maye by the common lawes of this realme be inquryed of, herde and determined within this his sayd realme of Englande: for a playne remedy order and declaration therein to be had and made: Be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that all maner of offences, being already made or declared, or hereafter to be made or declared, by anye the lawes and statutes of thys realme, to be treasons, mysprysions of treasons, or concelemens of treasons, and done perpetrated or committed, or hereafter to be done perpetrated or commytted by any person or persons, oute of this realme of Englande, shall be from henseforth inquired of, herde and determined before the kynges Iustices of his bench, for pleas to be holden before him selfe, by good and lawoful men of the same shire, where the sayde bench shall sytte and be kepte, or els before such commissioners, and in such shyre of the realme, as shalbe assigned by the kynges maiesties commission, and by good and lawfull men of the same shire, in lyke maner and fourme to al ententes and purposes, as if suche treasons, mysprysions of treasons, or concelemens of treasons, had bene done perpetrated and committed within the same shire, where they shalbe so inquired of, herde, and determined, as is aforesayd.

¶ Prouyded alwayes that if any the peeres of thys realme shall happen to be indited of any such treasons, or other offences aforesayd, by auctoritie of this acte: That then, after such inditement, they shall haue theyr tryall by theyr peeres, in suche lyke maner and fourme as hath bene heretofore accustomed.

¶ An acte for the ratification of the kynges maiesties style. Cap. iii.



Here oure moste dyadde naturall & gracions soueraigne liege lorde the kyng, hath heretofore be and is iustely lawfully and notoriouslye knowne named publyshed and declared to be kyng of Englade fraunce and Ireland, defendour of the seyth, & of the churche of Englande and also of Irelade in earthe supreme head, and hath iustely and lawfully vled the title & name therof, as to hys grace appertaineth: Be it enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commones in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all and syngular his graces subiectes and resiantes, of or within thys hys realme of England Ireland and els where within other his maiesties dominions, shal from henseforth accepte & take the

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the same his maiesties stile, as it is declared and seth forth in maner & fourm follovyng, that is to say, in the latine tongue by these woordes, Henricus octauus Dei gratia Angliæ, Fraciæ & Hiberniæ rex, fidei defensor, & in terra ecclesiæ Anglicanæ & Hibernicæ supremum caput, and in the englyshe tongue by these woordes, HENRY the eyght, by the grace of god kynge of Englande fraunce & Ireland, defendour of the fapth, and of the churche of England & also of Ireland in earth the supreme head: And that the sayd stile declared and set forth by this acte, in maner and fourm as is aboue mencioned, shall be from henceforth by thauctozitie aforesayd, vnited and annered for euer to the imperypall crowne of this highnes realme of Englande.

CAND be it further enacted by the auctozitie aforesayd, that if any person or persons, of what estate dignitie degree or condicion so euer he or they be, at any tyme afther the feast of Ester next commyng, craftely imagine inuēt or atempte by colour of any pretence, to depriue the kynges hyghnes, the queene, the pynce, or the heires of the bodye of the kynges maiestie lausfully begotten, or the heires of the body of the pynce lausfully begotten, or any person or persons, to whom the imperiall crowne of this realme is limited in this present session of parliament, or at any tyme hereafter shall be limited and disposed by the kynges highnes, by his gracious letters patentes, or by his highnes last wil in wyting, signed with his most graciouse hand of any of theyr titles stiles names degrees or royal estate or regal power, whiche as is abouesayd, is limited vnited or appointed to the imperiall crowne of this his realme, or that hereafter by auctozitie of parliament shall be set forth limited vnited or apoynted to the sayde imperiall crowne: that then euery such offēce and cōtempt shalbe demed and adiudged high treasō, and the offendour and offendours therein, and theyr aydours counsellours mayntēours and abbetours, and euery of them, beyng thereof lawfully conuicted, shalbe demed and adiudged hygh traytours, & shal suffre peynes of death and other forfaitures penalties and losses, as is accustomed and limited by any lawe or statute in this realme heretofore had or made, for or in cases of high treason Sauing to euery such person and persons, and bodies politike, to theyr heires assignes and successours, and to the heires assignes and successours of euery of them (other then suche persons as shalbe conuicted or ateynted, and theyr heires and successours, and all other claiming to theyr vse) all suche right title interest vse possession condicion rentes fees offices annuities and commons, whiche they or any of them shall haue in or vpon any manours landes tenementes rentes fees offices annuities or hereditamentes, that shall so happen to be loste and forfeite by reson of any conuiction or atteinder, for any of the treasons or offences aboue reherised, at any tyme before the sayd treasons or offences committed.

An acte

An acte touching the reparing and amending of certayne decayed houses and tenementes, as well in Englande as in wales. Cap. iiii.

IN ORASMV CHE as in times past diuers & many beautiful houses of habitation haue bene within the walles & liberties of the towne of Shrewesbury in the countie of Saloppe, the citie of Chester in the countie of Chester, the towne of Ludlowe in the countie of Saloppe, Haverford west in the countie of Haverford in Southwales, the towne of Pembroke tenbie in the countie of Pembroke, the towne of Harmerdyn in the countie of Harmerdyn, the towne of Mountgomery in the countie of Mountgomery, Cardiffe, Swanesse, Cowbyrge, Newe Radnor & Prested in the countie of Radnor, the towne of Breknok in the countie of Breknoke, and the towne of Monmouth in the countie of Monmouth, the towne of Maldon in the countie of Essex, the townes of Abargaueny, Ulke, Carlyon, and Newporte in the countie of Monmouth, the townes of Lancaster, Preston Lyrepole, and Wyrgan, in the county Palatine of Lancaster, whiche nowe are falle downe, decayed, and at this time remayne vnreedyfied, lyinge as desolate and voyde groundes, and many of them adioyning nigh vnto the high stretes replenished with muche ordure filth and vncleanes, with pittes sellars and hautes lying open & vncouered, to the greate perell and daunger of all the inhabitantes and other the kynnges subiectes passyng by the same, and some houses be very weake and feeble redy to fall downe, and be very daungerous to passe by, to the decay and hinderance of the said citie boroughes and townes. It maye therfore be enacted by the kyng our soueraine lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons or bodie polytike, beinge owners or possessioners of any suche desolate or voyde groundes, that at any time within fyue and fortie yerres next before the making of this acte, haue bene buylded for houses of habytation, or for any house or houses of habytation nowe or hereafter beyng in decaye and not fully fallen downe, within the liberties and precinctes of any of the sayde boroughes townes and places, doo not sufficiently reedyfie builde & repaite, or cause to be reedyfied builded and repayred the sayde desolate voyde groundes and decayed houses, conuenient for habytation and dwelling, within two yerres next after proclamacion to be made in or vpon the same voyde groundes or groundes, decayed house or houses, by the maiors, aldermen bailiffes and burgesles or other head officers, within the precincte of theyr owne auctorities: that than it shall be lawfull for the chiefe lord or lordes immediate, of whom suche desolate and voyde groundes, decayed and ruinous houses be holden, after the sayde two yerres be expired, to enter into the same, and to haue the same groundes or houses wyth the curtilage, backesyde, gardeyn, and orcharde adioyning to the same, yf they be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the sayd decayed house or groundes, and excede not one acre of groundes, to them and to theyr heyres or suc-

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or successours, or to their owne proper vse for ever: so that the sayd Lord or lordes immediate, entringe by the auctoritie of this acte, do sufficiently reedifys, builde or repayre the same voyde grounde or decayde houses, within two yeres and an half next and immediately folowynge the determination of the foresaide first two yeres. And in case such lord or lordes, as maye entre by this acte, do not entre and wel and sufficiently reedifys build or repayre the same voyde groundes or decayed houses within the said two yeres and an halfe, to them limytted by this acte, or if suche lord or lordes immediate as maye entre by this acte, do sufficiently reedifys build and repayre the same voyde groundes or decayed houses within the sayd two yeres and an halfe to them limytted, and after they theyr heyres or successours suffer the same houses or voyde groundes to fall in ruine and decaye, and do not builde or reedifys the same sufficiently within two yeres and an halfe of such ruine or decaye: that then is shalbe lefull to all person or persons or bodies politike, as shal then haue any rent charge ioyntly or severally going out of the sayde voyde ground or groundes, or decayed house or houses, in anye of the sayde citie boroughes to wones or places, immediately after the sayd two yeres and an halfe expyred, to enter into the same, and to haue to suche of them, theyr heyres and successours, to their owne proper vse, as shal so builde the sayde voyde groundes or decayed houses by auctoritie of this acte, the same voyde groundes or houses, with the curtilage backeside gardenne and Orcharde adioyning to the same, if they be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the sayd decayed house or ground, and excede not the quantity of one acre of ground, discharged of al rentes goinge out of the same groundes or houses, as well against the sayde lord and lordes immediate, as all other person or persons or bodies politike, hauinge any rent or rentes charges, rent secke oute of the same, other than the fee ferme of the sayde Citie borough to wone or place, or some partell thereof, so that the saide person or persons or bodies politike, hauing the sayd rent charge, entring by the auctoritie of this acte, do sufficiently reedifys build and repayre the same desolate and voyd grounde or groundes, or decayde house or houses, wythin one yere and thre quarters nexte and immediatlye folowynge the determination of the sayde two yeres and a halfe, to the sayde lord or lordes immediate appointed by this acte. And in case such personne or persons or bodies politike, hauinge anye of the said rentes charges, as maye enter by this acte, do not enter, and wel and sufficiently reedifys build or repayre the same voyde groundes or decayed houses, wythin one yere and thre quarters to them appointed by vertue of this acte, or if they or any of them, hauing such rent charge, and that may enter by this acte, do sufficientlye build and repayre the same voyde grounde or groundes, or decayed house or houses, within the sayd one yere and thre quarters to them limitted, and after they theyr heyres or successours suffer the same voyde ground or groundes, house or houses, to fall in ruine and decaye, and do not builde or reedifys the same sufficientlye wythin one yere and thre quarter after such ruine or decaye: that then it shalbe le-

full to the mayres, aldermen, and burgesles, and other the head officers of the saide citee boroughes towne & places, by what name or names so euer they be incorporated, and their successours, and euery of them, within the lymittes of their auctorities, immediatli after the said yere and thre quarters expired, into euery suche desolate and voyde groundes, decaye or ruinous houses, to enter, and to haue holde and enioy to them and theyr successours for euer, to their owne vses, the same groundes or houses and euery of them, with the curtilages gardeins orchardes and backesydes to the same, if they be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the sayde decayed house or grounde, and excede not in quantitie one acre of grounde, clerely discharged of all rentes going out of the same groundes or houses, as wel against the sayde lord or lordes immediate, as al other person or persones or bodie polittike, haupng such rent charge or rent secke as before is said, other than the fee ferme of the said citie borough towne or place or parcel therof, so that the same mayres aldermen and burgesles, or other head officer, as is aforesayde, or theyr successours, for the tyme being, do reedify build or repaire, or cause to bee reedified or repaired the same grounde or groundes, house or houses, within thre yeres next and immediatly folowing the determination of the sayde yere & thre quarters limited or appointed to such person or persons, or bodie polittike, that haue or shal haue any rent as is aforesaid. And in case the said mayres aldermen and burgesles or other hed officers as is aforesaid, or their successours, do not enter & reedify build and repaire the same voyde grounde or groundes, decayed house or houses, in forme aforesaid, within the sayde terme of.iii. yeres after theyr sayde entry, or if they sufficiently reedify build and repaire the same voyde ground or groundes, or decayed house or houses, within the saide thre yeres to them limited by this acte, and after they or theyr successours suffer the same house or houses, voyde grounde or groundes to fall in ruine and decaye, and doo not build and reedify the same sufficiently within thre yeres after suche ruine or decaye: that then it shall bee lesfull to the first owner or owners, possessor or possors of suche grounde, or groundes, decayed house or houses, theyr heires or successours, immediatly after the said thre yeres to the said mayres aldermen and burgesles, and other hed officers, as is aforesayd, lymitted, expired, in to the same houses grounde or groundes, curtilages gardeynes orchardes and backesydes to entre, and the same to retaine to them, their heires and successours, as in theyr first estate; any thyng contained in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway, that this acte or anye thyng therin conteyned bee not in any wyse hurtfull, or prejudiciall to any person or persons, beinge at the tyme of the sayde proclamacion made, vnder the age of.xxi.yeares or beinge feme couert, or in prison, or beyonde the sea, in the kinges warres, or in other lesfull affayres, or to anye person or persons not beinge than of whole and perfect memory: during the tyme that suche person or persons shall be within age married, in prison, or of no perfect memory, or beyond the sea,

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so that the same person or persons, they heres or successors, after that he or they come to theyr full age of xxi. yeares, or be married, out of the prison, or come again within this royaume, or be of whole and perfect memory, within thre yerres than next insuing, do reedify the same desolate or void groundes, or repaire the sayde decayed houses.

An acte concerning the qualification of the statute of the
syxte articles. Cap. v.



Where by the good and godlye acte and statute, concerning the VI. articles, made in the parliamēt holdē at Westmīster the XXVIII. day of Apryl, in the XXXI. yere of the kinges maiesties most noble raygne, it was ordayned and established amonges other thinges, that for certayne kyndes of heresies and other offences, expressed in the same statute, the offenders therein being of them convicted, shulde suffer peines of deathe, or other such peines as for euerye of the offences in the same statute expressed, is in the same specially and seuerally mencioned: And where also by force of the same statute diuers secret and untrue accusaciōs and presentmētes may be maliciously conspired against the kinges subiectes, and kept secret unreueled, that such as be accused shuld not haue knowledge therof to come to theyr declaratiō, until a tyme may be espyed to haue them therof by malice coucted, to the greate peril and dāgier of the kinges maiesties subiectes, if the same statute shulde not in some part therof be tēpered qualified or resourmed. And to the intent that all presentmētes and inditemētes of such offences as be contained in the sayd statute, concerning the sayd VI. articles, wher vnto any person shalbe put to answer, shulde be taken in opē and manifest court by the othes of XII. indiferent persones, according to good equity and conscience, and as other presentmentes haue ben vsed to be taken wythin this realme in such weightie causes, according to the laudable custome and blage of the same. And that also the inquiries and trials of and vpon the sayde presentmentes and inditementes may iustly and charitably procede without corruption or malyce accordingly. Be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that no person or persons from henceforth shalbe arraigned or put to hys or theyr tryall, of for or vpon any accusation information or presentment concerning any of the offences conpyssed within the sayde former acte, but onelye vpon such presentmentes and inditementes as be or shalbe founde and made by the othes of XII. men or mo, afore suche commissioners as be or shalbe specially auctourised to enquire of the offences conteyned in the sayd former statute by the kinges maiesties commission, or thre of them at the leaste syttinge in theyr sessions, or before the Iustices of the peace syttinge in theyr sessions, or thre of them at the least, or before the Iustices of oyre and terminer, or thre of them at the least: And that the presentmentes or inditementes hereafter to be made, be taken within one yere next after the sayde offences therein conteined, be or

Whiche committed or doone: And that all accusations concerninge anye of the offences aforesayde, made or to be made in anye other forme then as is afore mentioned in this presente acte, shall be voyde in the lawe to anye other respect or purpose; but onely as an evidence to be requen and Declared to the inquestes of inquerie and delinquer before the sayde Justices, as is afore sayde. And that no person accused of or vpon anye of the offences specified in the said former acte, shalbe attached arrested or committed to warde for the same, or anye of them, before he be therof indited, as is afore sayd, onlesse it be by vertue and auctoritie of one sufficient and lafull warrant by precept from one of the kynges maiesties honourable counsaile, or from two of the iustices or commissioners aforesayde, wherof one of them to be a lay person; anye thyng conteyned in the sayde former statute not withstandinge.

AND be it also enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament that no person or persons shal be from henceforth accused indited committed to prisson molested or put to answer, to for or vpon any accusation presentment or indictment hereafter to be made or found by vertue of the said former statute, concerninge the sayde V I. articles, onlesse he or they be therof accused or indited within one yeare next after his or theyr sayd offence or offences supposed to be committed or done, any thyng in the sayd former acte or in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd that if any person or persones that at any time hereafter heare any preacher or reader, beinge auctorized to preache or reade, speke or declare any worde or wordes supposed to be contrary to any of the sayde articles conteyned in the said former statute, in his or their sermon or reading at any place and time accustomed for preaching or reading, and do not therof accuse the sayde preacher or reader before one of the sayde Justices within forty dayes next after his sayde wordes be spoken, or els that the said preacher or reader be therof indited within the sayd time of forty daies, after his or their said preaching or reading: then the sayde preachers or readers and euerye of them shall be of euerye such accusation and offence clerly acquitted and discharged. Except the same accuser or accusers, do thewe aledge and proue by two sufficient wytnes before the sayde iustices or two of them, sufficient cause why he or theyr did not make the sayde accusations within the sayd time of forty daies, as is afore limited.

Provided also that this acte or anye thyng therein conteyned shall not extend to any inditement or presentment heretofore made by the othes of XII I. men or mo, of anye of the sayde offences conteyned or expressed in the sayde former acte, concerninge the sayde V I. articles, but that the same indementes or presentmentes, so made, shall stande and abide in theyr full strength and effecte, as if this acte had neuer be had or made, any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

And to the intente that as well the inquiries of the presentmentes and indite-

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inditementes aforesayde, as the trials of and vpon the same, shall procede iustly and indifferently. Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayde iustices, before whom the sayde inquiries presentmentes or inditementes shall be taken, shall frome hencefoorth haue power and auctoritie to alter and reforme all panels of inquirye, returned before them by the Sherriffe or other officers appoynted for the same, in lyke maner as Iustices of the peace maye do in theyr sessions vppon anye other inquiries. And that also the partye accused, presented, or indyted, as is aforesayde, vpon his arraignment or tryall thereof, shall and maye haue all maner of chalenges, (pemptory challenge onely excepte) as other persons arraigned for felony shall or may haue by the lawes of this realme, any clause or article in the sayd former acte to the contrary notwithstanding. And that the parties being condemned of any the offences conteyned or mentioned in the sayde former acte of sixe articles, shall suffer all such imprisonmentes losses and peines of death, as they shoulde or ought to haue done before the makinge of this present acte.

¶ And be it also further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd former acte concerning the sayde sixe articles, and euery other acte touchynge the same, and all articles clauses and sentences in them or any of them mentioned expresse or conteyned, now being in his or theyr force and effecte, or ther then such as by this present acte be altered qualified or reformed, shall stande and abide in all his or theyr full strength effect and vertue, any thing in this present acte notwithstanding.

¶ Prouyded furthermore and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, beyng arrayned or put to his or theyr trial, vpon any the offences conteyned in the sayd former acte concerning the sixe articles, stand muet, or will not directly answere to the same offences, wherof he or they be indited as is aforesayde: that then euery such person and persons, so standing muet, or refusing directly to answere to the same inditement, for his or theyr contumacie shall haue iudgement to suffer lyke peynes of death losses forfeitures and imprisonment, as if the same person or persons so indited, had ben therof founde guilty by verdict of xii. men, any thyng in the sayde former acte, or in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ An acte concerning the apparance of Iurours in the Mistyrius. Cap. vi.

FORASMUCHE as the issues iopned in euery actio suite and demaunde betwene party and party at the comon lawe, are by the lawes of this realme, for the moste part tried and triable by the verdict of xii. men wherein is dayly sene greate delay, partly for lacke of apparance of the persones returned to trye suche issues. The occasion wherof cometh by reason of mayntenaunce, imbracery, sinister labour and corrupt demeanours, and partly by reason of the chalenges of the parties, to the iurye or iurours so returned, to the greate co-

thes charges and hinderance of the parties to the sayde actions suites and demaundes, and to the greate Delaye and hinderance of Justice. For reformation wherof, and for the more expedition of iustice hereafter to be had in such maner triall of issues: Be it enacted by the auctoritie of this presente parliament, that in euery case, where suche persons, as shulde passe vppon the tryall of any issue ioyned in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, commonly holdē at Westmynst. ought by the lawe to dispende xl. s. by the yere, of freehold for terme of lyfe: that the wyttes of Venire fac. which from and after the fyrst day of Apryll nexte commynge, shall be awarded and directed for the impanneling of such persons as shall trye the same issue, shall be in this fourme. Rex, &c. Præcipimus &c. quod venire fac, coram, &c. xii. liberos & legales homines de iur. de B. quorum quilibet habeat quadraginta solidarū terræ tenement, vell reddit, per annum ad minus, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit: Et qui nec &c. And so forth the residue of the sayd wytte after the auncient forme. And in euery case, wher it is not requisite, that the persons that shal passe vpon the triall of any issue ioyned in any of the kynges courtes aforesayd, shall dispende xl. s. by the yere of freeholde: that then the wyttes of Venire facias, that shalbe awarded after the sayd fyrst day of Apryll, shall be made after the forme aforesayde: omitting this clause, Quorum quilibet habeat quadraginta solidarum terræ ten, vel reddit per annum ad minus. And that vppon euery suche writ & wyttes of venire fac. that shall haue the sayd clause, Quorum quilibet, &c. the shryffe or other minister or ministers, to whom the making of the panel shal appertain, shal not retourne in any such panel any person, onles he may dispende xl. s. by yere at the least, of estate of freeholde out of auncien demene within the county, where the issue is to be tried. And also shall retourne in euery suche panell vpon the same Venire facias, for sufficient hundredours at the least, yf there be so many hundredours within the sayd hundred where the Wene we lyeth, vpon peyne to forfeit for euery person, beinge returned in any suche panell, that can not dispende xl. s. by the yere, as is aforesayd xx. s. And for euery hundredour, that shalbe omitted in suche retourne of the number aforesayd xx. s. And in euery wytte of Venire facias, wherin the sayd clause, Quorum quilibet, &c. shalbe omitted, the shiriffe or other minister or ministers, to whome the makinge of the panelle shall appertayn, shall not retourne in any suche panell any person, onlesse he may dispend some landes or tenementes of estate of freeholde out of auncient demene, within the county where the issue is to be tried. And also shall retourne in euery suche panell vppon te same Venire facias, for sufficiente hundredours at the least, if there be so many hundredours within the sayd hundred where the Wene we lyeth, vpon lyke peyne as is aforesayd.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that vpon euery fyrst wytte of Habeas corpora or Distringas with a Nisi prius, deliuered of recorde to the shiriffe or other minister or ministers, to whom the making of the retourne shall appertayne, the sayd shiriffe and other minister and ministers shall from and after the sayd fyrst day of Apryll, retourne in issues vppon euery

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pon every person, impanelled and returned, upon any such writte, at the least v. s. And at the second writ of Habeas corpora or Distringas, with a Nisi prius, upon every person impanelled and returned, upon any such writ x. s. at the least. And at the third writte of Habeas corpora or Distringas, with a Nisi prius, that shalbe further awarded upon every person impanelled and returned upon any such writ xiii. s. iiii. d. And upon every writ that shalbe further awarded to trye any such issue, to double the issues last afore specified, vntyll a full iury be sworn, or the proces otherwise cessed or determined, upon paine to forfeyte for every retourne to be made contrary to the fourme afore sayd v. poundes.

¶ And for a more speddy triall of issues to be tried by the verdit of xii. men hereafter to be had. Be it further enacted by the auctorite afore sayd, that in every such writ of Habeas corpora or Distringas, with a Nisi prius, where a full iury shal not appere before the iustices of assises or Nisi prius, or els after apparaunce of a full iury, by chalenge of any of the parties, the iurye is lyke to remain vntaken for default of iurours: that than the same iustices upon request made by the party plaintife or Demandant, shal haue auctorite by vertue of this act to commaunde the shiriffe or other minister or ministers, to whom the making of the sayde retourne shal appertayn, to name and appoynte as often as nede shal require so many of such other able persons of the sayd county then present at the sayd assises or Nisi prius, as shal make by a full iurye, whiche persons so to be named and impanelled by such shiriffe or other minister or ministers, shalbe added to the former panell, and theyr names annexed to the same. And that every of the parties shal and may haue bys or theyr chalenge to the iurours so named, added and annexed to the sayd former panell by the sayd shiriffe or other minister or ministers, in such wyse as if they had bene impanelled upon the Venire facias, awarded to trye the sayd issue. And that the sayd iustices shal and maye procede to the tryall of every such issue with those persones that were before impanelled and returned, and with those newly added and annexed to the sayde former panell by vertue of this acte, in such wyse as they might or oughte to haue done, if all the sayd iurours had ben returned upon the writ of Venire facias, awarded to trye the sayd issue. And that all and every such triall had after the sayd first day of Aprill, shal be as good and effectuell in the law, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if such triall had ben hadde and tried by xii. of the iurours, impanelled and returned upon the writ of Venire facias, awarded to trye such issue. And in case such persons as the sayde shiriffe minister or ministers shal name and appoint, as is afore sayd, or any of them, after they shalbe called, be present and do not appere, or after his or theyr apparaunce, done wilfully withdraue him or them selues from the presence of the court: that then such iustices shal and may set such fine upon every such iurour, making default, or wilfully withdrauing himself as is afore sayd, as they shal thinke good by theyr discretion, the sayd fine to be leued in such maner and fourme as issues forfeited and lost by iurours for default of theyr

theyr apparance at the common lawe, haue ben accustomed to be leuied.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that where any iury, that shalbe returned by the shiriffe or other minister or ministres, shal be made full by the commaundement of the sayde iustices by vertu of this present act, that yet neuerthlesse such persons as were returned in the sayd panell by the shiriffe or other minister or ministers to trye any such issue that shall not appere, but make default, shall lose the issues vpon them returned, in suche wyse as though the same iury had remayned for default of iurours.

Provided al waye and be it enacted, that vppon a reasonable excuse for the defeaute of apparance of any iurour or iurours sufficiently proued before the iustices of assise or Nisi prius, at the day of theyr apparance by the othes of two lawfull and honest witnessses, that the same iustices shal haue auctoritie by theyr discretions to discharge euery such iurour of euery such forfayture of issues vpon hym returned. And that the shiriffe and shiriffes or other minister or ministers, hauing commaundement by the sayde iustices to omitt the returninge of suche issues as is aforesayde, vpon suche iurour or iurours, shalbe therein discharged of the penalties aforesayde, for the non returninge of the saide issues, and that yet notwithstandinge the sayde returne to be good and effectual in the lawe, anye lawe vsage or custome to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Provided also & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if the sayde iustices, afore whom any such iurye shuld apere in the county, where such issue is to be tried by vertu of a writ of Nisi prius, do not come at the day & place apoynted, but that the assise or Nisi prius for that tyme shalbe discontinued for not comyng of the sayde iustices, or for any other occasyon, other then by defaulte & lacke of iurours: that then euery one of the same iurours shalbe discharged for forfayting of any issues vpon him returned in the same writ. And the shiriffe or other minister or ministers shalbe likewise discharged of the penalties of this estatute for the non returning of suche issues, as at before limited in this act, any article or sentence herein contained to the contrary notwithstandinge.

AND be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if vpo any suche writ of Habeas corpora or Distringas, with a Nisi prius, issues be returned vpon any hundredours iurour or iurours by the shiriffe or other minister or ministres, to whom the execution of the same writ or writes shal appertayne, wher as the same hundredours and iurours shal not be lawfully summoned warned or distrained in that behalfe: that then euery such shiriffe or other minister or ministres aforesayde, shall lose for euery such offence so committed, double so muche as the sayde issues returned vpo suche hundredours or iurours not lawfully summoned warned or distrained, shal amount vnto: the moitie of al which forfaytures cōteined in this present act, other then the issues to be returned vpon the iurours as is aforesayde, shall be to the kyng our souerayne lord, and the other halfe to him that wille sue for the

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for the same by action of debt byll plaint or information in any of the kinges competent courttes, in which no wager of lawe effoine or protection shalbe allowed ne admitted. Saving to all maner of persons and bodiees politike and corporate, thier heyres and successours, having lawfull right title and interest to have suche issues, to be before any suche iustices of assise or Justices, at any tyme or times hereafter lost and forsayted, all such right title and interest, as they or any of them shuld or might have had to such issues to be lost and forsayted, as though this acte had never bene had or made.

¶ Provided also that thys acte nor any thynge therein conteyned, shall not extende to any citie or towne corporate, or to any shiriffe minister or ministers in the same, for the retorne of any inquest or panell to be made and returned of persons inhabiting in the sayd citie or towne corporate, but that they, and every of them, shall and may retorne suche persons in everie suche inquest or panell, as before this tyme they myghte and have bene accustomed to do, and as this acte had never bene had or made: so that the same shiriffe minister or ministers retorne upon suche persons as shall be impanelled, like issues as are before mentioned in this acte, anything in the same conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding. This acte to endure to the ende of the nexte parliament.

¶ An acte for the revealing of a certayne statute concerning the bypyng in of saltfyshe and stockfyshe. Capit. vii.



Where in the parlyamente begonne and holden at London, the. iii. day of November, in the. xii. yere of the reigne of our most dread soneraigne lord the kinges maiestie that now is, and from thense adiourned to wellminster, and there holde and continued by divers prorogations, unto the dissolution therof amonges other it was enacted by the auctoritie of the same that no maner of person or persons, of what estate degree or conditiō he or they shulde be, other then such person or persons as then were or hereafter shalbe marchant venturers to Iselande, for the taking of fyshe, or that be doggers otherwise called doggermen, or suche as now or hereafter shal be fisher men, that actually labour for the taking of the same fyshe in the east sea syde or in the east sea costes, shuld bye any of the kyndes of the sayd fyshe at or upon the stone, or at the sayd east sea syde or east sea costes, to sell the same fyshe again or any part therof at any of the faire or faires called Sturbridge fayre, saint Iues fayre, or Ely fayre. And that no maner of person or peesons, other then the sayd marchaunt venturers doggers or fischer men, shulde from henseforth sell any saltfyshe, stockfyshe, lyng, haberdon, lobfyshe, or suche other kynde of saltfyshe, at or within any of the sayd fayre or faires, wherof the kinde of the sayd fyshe is usually wonte to be layd vppon lande at the sayd east sea syde. And also that no maner of person or persons, being owner or owners of any of the sayd shipp or shippes, nor yet any mayster or maisters of the sayd shippes, shulde at any tyme after the same, bye any

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dole or Doles of any of the mariners of any of the saide shipp or shippes, called the mariners dole fish. And where it was also enacted ordeined and provided by the same acte, that no manner of person or persons, shoulde from thensforth be reputed and taken to be a marchant venturer, to take aduantage or benefit of the same acte, excepte his aduventure in the sayde shipp or shippes to Iselande, shuld admount to the summe of. xx. li. without fraude or couine, as by the same acte more plainly it doth appere. Sens the making of which acte the trade and aduventure to Iseland hath moche decayed, not onely by cause that aduventure is so daungerous and chargeable to the marchant venturers, doggers called dogger men, and fisher men, beyng nowe compelled to make this aduventure at theppony charges, where before the making of the sayd acte a great number of persons of those parties and other places of this realme, did aduventure their marchandise and wares with them, some to the value of x. li. some. v. li. some more or lesse, as theyre habilitie did serue them, as they yet wold do, if the said acte were not to the contrary; But also for that the sayde marchantes doggers and fisherimen at their comyng home, after their longe trauaile and charges, can haue no porte sale nor redy vtterance of theyr fish. And wher in tynes past aswel diuers marchantes of London and Couentre, as of other places within this realme, did repaire & come to the said venturers immediatly after theyr comyng home, and for redy money bought theyr fish at the said coste syde, and caried the same fish to Ely sayre, Sturbidge sayre, saint Iues sayre, and other sayres and markettes for the vniuersall provision of this royaume: Nowe the sayde venturers doggers and fishermen be dyuen to trauaile and seke to the same markettes and sayres, for the selling of theyr fish, and in the mene tyme to make shypes for the paying the wages and charges of theyr mariners and seruauntes, and abyde a greate tyme before they can haue any retorne, to theyr aduantage of theyr aduecture, to theyr great wearies: and lyke hereafter to be the vtter decaye of the Iselande flete, if remedy therfore be not the soner provided.

¶ Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled; and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayde acte be repeled, and all and euery thinge therein conteyned shall from henseforth be frustrate voyde and of none effecte, any thyng therein conteyned, or any other acte or actes heretofore made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ An acte concerninge Coupers.

Capit. viii.



A moste humble wyle shewen vnto your excellent hyghnes, your faithfull subiectes the coupers of your cite of London, that wheare in the parlpyament holden at London, the thyrde dape of nouembre, in the .xxi. yeare of youre mooste gracious raygne, and from thense adiourned to westmurst. and there by diuerse prorogatiōs continued, vntyl the .xv. dape

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of January, in the. XXIII. yere of your said noble raigne: it was in the said XXIII. yere emonges other thinges stablished and enacted, that euery artyficer of the craft or mistery of coupers, that wil exercise or practyse to make any vessels for bere or ale to be put to sale, should make the same vessels and euery of them, of god and seasonable woode: and that no such artifcyer of coupers shal enhaunce the prices of barrells kylderkins or firkins or other vessels in the sale of them, to any ale byuer or bere byuer or other person, but kepe the rate and prices, that is to say, for euery bere barrell. ix. d. for euery bere kylderkin. v. d. and for euery bere firkin. iii. d. the ale barrell. xbi. d. the ale kylderkin. ix. d. and the ale firkin. v. d. vpon paine to forfait for euery barrell kylderkyn and fyrkyn, defectyue in the measure limytted in the sayde acte, or enhaunced in the price in any pointe contrary to the said acte, iii. s. iii. d. as by the same acte more plainely appereth. Syns whych time the price of the woodde or timbre, whereof such vesselles ben made, is marueloussy enhaunced, so that they are enforced to pay muche more therfore, then they were afore this time, and are likely to pay more, rather then lesse, if remedy therfore be not prouided: to the greate unpouershyng and vtter vndoing of the saide coupers.

CIn consyderation whereof be it enacted by the kynge oure soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and temperall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that euery artifcyer of the craft or mistery of coupers, after the fest of the natiuite of saynte John baptiste nexte comyng, may lawfully take for euery bere barrell, by him or by them to be solde. x. d. and for euery bere kylderkin. vi. d. and not above, vpon paine to forfeite for euery bere barrell enhaunced in price contrary to this acte. vi. s. viii. d. and for euery bere kylderkyn lyke wise enhaunced. i. s. iii. d.

CItem that euery bere byuer or other person, that shal after the feaste a bouesayd, ship or cary any bere into the parties of beyond the sea, other then within the kinges dominions, to the intent to sell the same bere so shipped and caryed, shal fynde sufficient surety before the customers of the porte, where such bere shalbe shipped, to bring in from the parties of beyond the sea aforesaide, as much clapyorde or other boorde mete for beare barrellies or kylderkyns, as shal and may be mete to make as muche and lyke quantitie of vessel as he shal so carye out with bere.

CAnd be it further enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that no man, beinge of the craft or mistery of coupers, nor none other person inhabitynge within the citee of London, or the suburbes of the same citee, or within. ii. miles compassse therof, shal cut minthe or translate, or cause to be cut mynished or translated, to the hynderaunce of the byuers, any barrellies kylderkyns or fyrkyns, vpon paine to lose for euery barrell so cut mynished or translated. vi. s. viii. d. and euery kylderkin so cut translated or mynished, iii. s. iii. d. and for euery firkin. x. d. except such persons as byen for the owne prouision, and not to sale, and such persons as shal cut diminish or trans

translate the same vessels for his owne vse, and put it to any other vse then here or ale.

¶ And also be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that at al times whensoever any of the here buyers shall require of the sayde wardens of the coupers for the tyme being, any vessel, vpon reasonable warninge giuen to them by any of the here buyers, that then the saide wardens shal prepare & deliuer from time to time, vppon euery such request, to the sayd here buyers, as many barrells and kylderkynes, as they neede and requyre to haue for the seruinge of the kynges louinge subiectes, vppon payne to forfaitte for euery tyme omittinge or neglectinge the same. xl. s. the one halfe of whiche penalties aforesayd, to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to hym that wyl sue for the same by byll, plainte, action, or information, in anye of the kinges courtes, in the which action, and sute the defendante shall not wage his lawe, or any essoyne or pretection to be admitted.

¶ Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that it shalbe lesfull to and for the artificers of the crafte and misterye of coupers and euerye of theym, to sell all suche barrells and vesselles as they shall make for here to be carped into Flaunders, at and for such price and pyces, as they can get for the the same, anye thinge in this acte, or the estatute made in the xiii. yeare of your most noble reigne, to the contrary not wythstanding.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted, that as wel the former estatute, made in the xiii. yeare aforesaide, as also suche recognisaunces as the sayde coupers stande bounden in, for perfourmance of the same, shall stande and abyde of of lyke force and effect in al thinges, not mencponed and provided for in this estatute, as though this statute had neuer ben made.

¶ Provided also and be it further enacted by the said auctorite, that no manner person or personnes, at anye time after the saide feast of the natiuitie of saint John Baptiste, shal cary transport or conuey any manner of here out of this realme, into any parties oute of the kinges dominions, to be solde or exchaunged for any other marchandys, in anye greater larger or bigger vessel then onelye a barrell, vppon payne to loose and forfaitte for euerye suche vessel, beinge in quantitey aboue a barrell. vi. s. viii. d. the one moitye of the sayde forfeiture to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other moitye to him or them that wil sue for the same, to be reconered in maner and forme aboue expessed and declared, excepte such here as shalbe conueyed ouer the sea to serue the king in his warres.

¶ Provided furthermore, that this acte or any thinge therein contayned or expessed, shall not extende or betaken to be hurtfull or preiudiciall to anye person or persones, for or concerninge the carpage conueyance or puttinge to sale of anye vessel or vesselles, beinge moree larger or bygger in quantitey or content, then a barrell, or of any here in the parties of Iseland, and Shotlande, thither onely repayinge for fish, so that the saide vesselles and here be not vttered, vented, exchaunged or put to sale in anye other place or country, then onelye in Iseland or Shotlande, anye thinge contayned in this acte to
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the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding. This acte to endure to the end of the next parliament.

¶ An acte concerning the partition of Wapping marthe. Cap. ix.



Here in consideration of the great costes and charges, that one Cornelis Wandering, late of the towne of in Brabant, did expende and susteyne in & about the recovering, inclosing, and inning of the marthe, called saint Catherins marthe, otherwyse called Wapping marthe, in the countie of Midd. which marthe being long time surrounded & ouerflowen wth water, was recovered & inned by y^e said Cornelis: the kings maiestie, of his bounteful clemency & goodnes, and also all and euerye the owners, inheritors, & possessioners of the same marthe, were contented and agreed, that the same Cornelis, in recompence and satisfaction of his sayde costes and charges, and for his diligente and manifolde paynes in and aboute the same susteyned, should haue holde and enioye to hym hys heires, and assignes, the moytie or halfe deale of the same marthe, by metes and boundes to be deuyled: the whiche Cornelis afterwards afore any dysp^osition therof made, bargayned and solde all that hys part moytie and portion of the same marthe, for certayne summes of money by one Richard Hyl of London mercer to hym payde, to the same Richard and to his heires. After the whiche bargayne and sale had and made, the moytie or halfdeale of the sayde marthe, was by acte of parliament, in the xxvii. yere of the raygne of oure sayde soueraygne lord, made sure to the same Richard Hyl and his heires. And further by the same enacted, that the right honorable lord, the Duke of Norff. nowe liuing, the late lord Wyndesore, the abbottes of Waltham and Stratford nowe deceased, and sir John Dantsey yet liuing, befoze the feast of al saintes next ensuing, should make partition, separation, & diuision of the same marthe, as by the same acte more playnely it may appeare. But for as muche as the sayd duke & the other persons aboue named, wer otherwyse letted & busied in matters of more weight and greater importance, there was no diuision nor limitation of the sayde marthe made: not only to the great hynderance and damages of the forsayd Richard Hylle, and of all and euery other persons, beyng owners, inheritors, tenants, and fermers of the same, but also to the no little perille and daungier of the losse drownyng and surrownyng of the same marthe, for lacke of the preseruacion of the bankes, and the maintenaunce and reparations of the dyches and sluices to the same belongyng, partlye for that that the owners and inheritours of the same, knewe not what part or portion of the sayd marthe dyd or should to hym or them belong or appertayne, & partlye for that that any one of theym would not disbourse any money to be employed, or to be bestowed vpon the reparations or thinges thereunto requisite. For remedy and redresse whereof, and to the intent that euery person, hauing interest in and to the said marthe, may haue and know his part and

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And further be it enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the sayde s^r Edmund, s^r Arthur, and the other persons with them aboue named. x. ix. viii. vii. or. vi. of them, at all tymes on this syde the said feast of all Saintes, shall haue power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to call before them to accomptes and rekeninges, as well the saide Richard Hyll, as all and euery other person and persons, whiche haue receiued the issues, reuenues, or profits, rylen and growen of the same marishe, sythens the innynge recouerye and shuttinge by thereof, and also suche persones as haue bene at charges for the defence and maynteynyng of the reparations of the walles, schules, dyches and bankes of the same, and bypon the rekenynges and accomptes thereof deliberately viewed and hearde, to sette suche ozer and determination, and shall also deduct, allowe and awarde, suche summes of money and other allowances in euery behalfe, as to them. x. ix. viii. vii. or. vi. of them by their discretions and wysedomes, shal seme & be thought to stande with equitie and conscience. The which order, decree, iudgement, and determination by theym. x. ix. viii. vii. or. vi. of them put in wytyng by vertue of this acte, shall stande firme and stable, and for a full determinate order, decree final,

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finall ende and perfect iudgement, without appellations, contradiction, or other defence or suite hereafter concerning the same, to be had prosecuted or made, in euery condicion, and to all intentes constructions and pourposes, as though all and euerye the sayde parties, inheritous, owners, and possessorers of the sayde marthe, or of anye parte thereof, were bounden by recognisance before the Lorde Chancellour of Englande, to obserue, performe fullfil and kepe the same or the lyke order decree separation awarde and iudgement. And that euery party, whiche by the same decree and iudgement, shalbe awarded and adiudged to haue any alowaunce or recompence concerning the premisses, for none payment and contentation thereof: shall and may haue his remedy by action therefore as the case shall require, at the common lawe, wher against the defendante shal make no dilatory or forein plea, nor any wager of lawe, protection, priuiledge, or essoyne to be admittid or allowed. Sauing to all and euery persone and persones, bodies politike and corporate, their heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of euery of them, other than the owners and inheritous of the sayd marth, all suche right title and interest, rentes, annuities, wayes, commons, liberties and other commodities, as they or any of them might, should, or ought to haue had, of in or to the sayde marthe marthe, or any parcel thereof before the making of this acte, this present acte, or any thing therein contained to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

An acte concerning the repayying, making, and amending of
the Cundites in London. Cap. x.



For as muche as it is very commodious necessary and profitable to all cities, to townes, and inhabitations, to haue swete and holosome running waters and freshe springes, to serue the same for their busynesses and necessities, and specially within great townes and cyties, to be conueyed by cunduites and fountaynes, whereunto requireth aboundance and copiositie, for the seruinge of the inhabitauntes of the same, whereof the cite of London hath bene before this tyme well furnyshed and abundantly serued, tyll that nowe of late, that eyther for sayntnes of the springes, or for the drynes of the earth, the accustomed course of the waters, comming from the olde springes and auncient heades, are sore decayed diminished and abated, and dayly more and more, be like to appeyre and fayle, to the great discomfortie and displeasure both of the citezens and inhabitantes within the sayd cite and suburbes thereof, as to al other persons hauing recourse to the same to the great decay of the cite, if speddy remedy the soner be not therein had forsene and provided. For remedy wherof sir Willia Bowyer knight nowe Mayre of the sayde cite, intending and pondering the same necessitie muche willing to helpe and reliefe the sayde cite and suburbes with newe fountaynes, and freshe springes, for the commoditie of the kynges sayd subiectes, calling to hym as well dyuers graue and expert persons of his bre-

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therne and other of the comminalltie of the sayde citie as other persones, in and about the conueyaunce of water well experimented, hath not onely by diligente searche and explozation founde oute dyuers greatte and plentyfull springes, at Hampstede heathe, Marybone, Hackeney, Muswell hylle, and dyuers places within fyue myles of the sayde citie, verie mete, propise, and conuenient to be brought and conueyed to the same, but also hath laboured studied and deuysed the conueyaunce thereof by cundytes, vantes, and pypes to the sayde citie and otherwise, to his great traunaple, labour, and payne, and also to the greatte charges and costes of the citizens of the sayde citie: whiche good and profitabile purpose, can not sorte to conclusion, nor take good effectte, without the ayde and consent of the kinges maiestie, and of his highe courte of parliament. Wherefore may it please the kynges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, to establishe and enacte, that it shall be laufull to the mayre and comminalltie of the sayde citie of London for the tyme beyng, and to their successours assignes and seruauntes, at all and euery tyme and times hereafter, to enter into the groundes and possessions, as well of our sayde soueraigne lord the kyng, his heires and successours, as of euery other persone and persones, bodies politike and corporate, where they shall fynde or knowe anye suche springes to be, or may be founde for the intent aboue sayde, so that it be not into their houses, gardeins, orchardes, or places inclosed with stone bricke or mudwalles, and there to digge pittes, trenches and diches, and to erect heades, lay pipes and make vaultes, and to do al and euery suche thinges in the same places and groundes, whiche shall be mete propise and necessary only for the conueyaunce of the sayde water and springes to the citie, and the suburbs of the same, and also to haue free ingresse egressse and regresse in to all suche places, where suche heades, pipes, or vaultes, shall be erected layde or made, to viewe and see from time to time the sayde heades, pipes, suspyralls, and vaultes, and theim to amende, repayre, translate, and to doo all thynges necessary and conuenient, as well for the fyndinge of newe springes, as for the conueyance of any water or springes nowe founde or hereafter to be founde, to the citie and suburbs aforesayde, without interruption lette or impediment of the owners of the grounde their lessees, assignes, or ministers, or any other person.

¶ And further be it enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the sayde mayre, and his successours and euery of them, for the digging and breaking of any suche soyle or grounde, in any place or places for the intent and purpose aforesayde, shall within the space of one moneth next after any suche grounde shall be broken by the ministers or workemen of the said maior or his successours or their assignes, for the intentes and purposes aforesayde, satisfye, content, and pay vnto the owners or possessioners of the sayd soyle or ground so broken or digged, as muche money for the same digginge and breakinge, as shall be adiudged and tared by the determination and iudgement of the

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or foure indifferent men, to be assigned by the Lorde Chauncellour of Eng-
 lande for the tyme being, by vertue of the kynges commission from tyme to
 tyme to them dyrected at the costes of the sayd mayre and commynaltie, and
 that to be vsed for evermore hereafter. And that all suche summes as af-
 ter the sayde tyme shall be taxed by the sayd thre or foure men, by vertue of
 the sayd commission, for satisfaction of any suche breakyng and defacing of
 the grounde, shall be payed and satisfied to the possessor or possessors,
 owner or owners, of the said grounds, or to their minister, assignes, or offi-
 cers by the sayd mayre or his successours for the time being within .x. dayes
 nexte after the sayde taxation or iudgemente so made and adiudged, bypon
 payne the sayde mayre or successours, so denyng or refusynge the payment
 thereof, for everie suche offence, to forfayte. xiii. s. iii. d. ouer and aboue the
 summe so to be assessed, the one halfe of whiche forfayture to be to the kinge
 our soueraigne lorde, his heires and successours, and the other moitie to the
 party greued that will sue for the same in any of the kynges courttes of re-
 corde, by action of det, byll, plaint, information or otherwyle, in which action,
 byll, or plaint, no wager of lawe protection or essoine shall lye. And neuerthe-
 lesse the partie, whose ground hereafter shall be so broken or digged, for non
 payment of all suche summes of money as by the sayd thre or foure men for
 the tyme beinge, shall be taxed and adiudged, shall haue an action of det a-
 gainst the sayd mayre or his successours, by whose commaundement any such
 grounde shall be so broken, in anye of the kynges courttes of recorde, for the
 recouery of the same det so taxed, in which action no wager of lawe protec-
 tion nor essoine shall lye. And if it shall happen that the sayde thre or foure
 men so named by the said lord Chauncellour, in fourme aforesayd, do not, nor
 shall not agree in makynge anye suche taxation for anye dygginge, tren-
 chynge, or breakyng of suche grounde within the sayde tyme to them limiti-
 ted, or that the sayde mayre or his successours for the time beinge, do not offer
 or tender to the partie so greued a resonable amendes and satisfaction for
 the breakyng, dygging or trenchinge, his or their sayde grounde: that than
 the partie or parties so greued, and whose lande or soyll shall be so hereafter
 subuerted and broken, shall haue his lawfull remedy agaynst the sayd mayre
 and his successours by whose commaundement anye suche soyll or grounde,
 shall be for the purpose aforesaide digged or broken, by action of trespassse, and
 to recouer damages for the same, any thing in this present acte conteyned to
 the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if
 the said maire, his successours, officers, ministers, or workemen, shall be inter-
 rupted molested or prohibited at any time hereafter, to digge & trench any
 groundes for the intentes abouesaide, or for the laying of pipes, makynge of
 heades, bautes, or fountaynes, concerninge the conueyance of any newe
 springes to the saide citie and suburbs, or for the searche repayringe or a-
 mendement of the defaultes of the same, or for the conueyance of any newe
 springes or water, or other thinges, requisite and necessarie to be had made

or done at any tyme or tymes hereafter, concerning the premisses or any of them, by any owner lessee, minister, officer, or other persone what so euer he be, than euery suche persone owner, possessor or persones, so molesting, resisting, or letting the sayde mayre and his successours, or his or their officers ministers or workemen, contrary to the true meaning of this act, shal forfeit for euerye such offence. xl. s. sterlinge; the one halfe thereof to be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other moitie to the mayre and comminalltie of the citie of London, and their successours, and the same to be recovered by action or plaint of det, in any of the kinges courtes, in the whiche no protection essoyne or wager of lawe to be admitted or allowed.

Provided also and be it enacted, that it shal not be lawefull to the sayde mayre nor cominalltie, nor to their successours, or ministers, to take awaye any water or springe now brought, or hereafter shalbe brought or conueyed by pipes or trenches to the mansion of any persone or persones, for the necessary vse of their houlholde, nor that any persone or persones, by any waye discerte, meane, or any other crafty coueiance, shal vndermine, minish, withdraw, or abate anye springe or springes founde, or hereafter to be founde, now brought or conueied, or at any time hereafter to be conueied set and brought to the sayd citie, wherby the water shalbe minished, stopped, abated, or otherwyse altered from his due course and conueiaunce, vpon payne to forfeite to the party greued treble damages, the same to be recovered against the party offendinge, by action or plaint of det in any of the kinges courtes, in the whiche no protection essoyne or wager of lawe to be allowed.

Provided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this act, nor any thing therein contained, shal extende to geue any libertie or auctoritie to the saide mayre and comminalltie, or to any of their successours, to enter or bygge in anye of the kinges groundes, for or concerninge the conueying of any water in or to the sayde citie, without the kinges licence therein first had and obteyned, any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if the sayde mayre and comminalltie of the citie of London, or their successours, at any time hereafter do fetch and conuey any water from any spring or springes, within the saide heath called Hampstede heath, vnto the sayd citie, and there erecte and make heades and baultes for the conueyaunce of the same water, that then they the said maire and cominalltie & their successours, shal for euer yelde beare and pay perely vnto the bishop of Westm. for the tyme being, and to his successours, at the feast of saint Michaell the archaungell, one pounce of pepper, in and for the acknowledgyng hym and them for the lordes and very owners of the sayde heathe. And that for the sure paymente thereof vnto the sayd bishop for the time beinge, and to his successours, the sayd mayre and comminalltie for the time beinge, shal within thre monethes next after the erection and makinge of any suche heades and baultes vppon the saide heath, make or cause to be made to the sayd bishop for the tyme being

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inge, and his successours, a sufficient graunt in wytyng vnder their common seale with clause of distresse, within anye their landes or tenementes, within the sayde citie of London, whan, and as often as it shall happen or fortune the sayde pounde of pepper at any tyme after the grant therof to be behinde vnpayde by the space of .x. dayes after the saide feast aboue limited, for the yerely payment thereof, and it be lausfully asked or demaunded by the sayd bishop, or his successours, or his or their assignes, of the sayd mayre and his successours, vpon any court day within the Guilde hall, this present act of parliament, or any thing therein cōteined to the cōtrary notwithstanding.

Provided also and be it further enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the sayde mayre and commynaltie or their successours, shal not at any tyme hereafter medle with the spring at the foote of the hyll of the sayde heath, called Hamsted heth, now closed in with bricke, for the ease commoditie and necessary vse of the inhabitantes of the towne of Hamstede, nor do cause or procure to be done any thinge, acte or actes, to the impayring, hurte, or diminishing of the water of the same spring, at any time hereafter, this act or any thyng therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And also it shall and may be lawefull to the sayde byshop and his successours, to dygge, finde, and conuey, or cause to be digged, founde, and conueyed, from any spring or springes, in any grounde or groundes, on the lefte syde of the hyghe waye, leading from the towne of Hamstede aforesaide, towarde Hendon, to the manour place of Hamstede aforesayd, water sufficient for the vse and comoditie of the same manour place, the sayde acte or any thyng therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

An act for the due payment of the fees and wages of knightes and burgeses of the parliament in Wales. Cap. xi.



Vhere the knightes of all and every shyre of this realme of Englande and Wales, and the burgeses of all citie to wnes and borowghes of the same, be named, elected, and chosen, for their assembly in the kinges hyghe court of parliament, as by auncient laudable lawes and customes of this realme, hath bene vsed and accustomed; at and by the kynges maiesties highe commaundemente, vnto the whiche knightes and burgeses their fees and wages be assigned certainly, that is to saye, to every knyght by the day .iiii. s. and to every citezen burgesse, by the daye .ii. s. or more, as heretofore hath bene accustomed, accomptinge for the same so many dayes, as the sayde hyghe court of parliament endureth, with addition therunto of so many dayes as euery suche knight and burgesse maye reasonably iourneye and resorte from their habitations or dwelling places, to the saide highe court of parliament, and from the sayde hyghe court to retourne to their habitations or dwellynge places, together with their costes of wyttes and other ordinary fees and charges: whiche wages, fees, and charges, at al times ought to be

to be leuied and collected by the shyriffes, and by the mayres baylyffes and other head officers, of & in cities, boroughes, and to wnes aforesayd, wherein some of the said shyriffes, mayres and bailiffes, and other head officers of and in cities, boroughes, and to wnes aforesayde, haue bene negligent and laches, not indeuourynge them selues in accompysshement of their duties in collection and payment of the same in due fourme, accordinge to iustice, to the greate hurt, iniury, and delay of the kinges saide subiectes. Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the shyriffes for the tyme beinge, of euery of the. xii. shires in wales, and in the countie of Monmouth, from the beginning of this present parliament, shall haue full power and auctoritie, by force of this acte, to gather and leuy, or cause to be gathered and leuied, the saide knightes fees and wages of the inhabitantes of the saide. xii. shyres, and of the saide countie of Monmouth, whiche ought to paye the same: and the same so gathered, shall paye, or cause to be payed to euery suche knight or knightes, or to his or their assignes, within the terme of twoo monethes after that any suche knight or knightes shall deliuer or cause to be deliuered the kinges write De solutione feodi militis parliament. to any suche shyriffe, and euery suche shyriffe, makinge defaulte of paiement of the saide fees or wages, in maner and fourme as is aforesayde, to lose and forsayte. xx. li. whereof the one moitie to be to the kinges vse, and the other to his or their vse that will sue for the same, in anye of the kynges courtes of record, by information byll or plaint, or otherwise, afoze anye of the kynges officers: wherein non esloyn protection nor wager of law shal be admitted. And if it shall happen anye shyriffe, in any of the saide. xii. shyres and countie of Monmouth, to make defaulte of payment of the sayde wages or fees, by a lenger terme than twoo monethes: than euerye suche shyriffe to forsayte for euery moneth that he or they shall make defaulte, twenty poundes, to be forfeited and leuied in maner and fourme as is aforesayde. And that euery maire and bailiffes, and other head officers, of cities, boroughes, and to wnes in euery the saide. xii. shires, and in the saide countie of Monmouth, within like terme and space of two monethes after the receite of the kinges maiesties write De solutione feod. burgent. parliament. lyke as is before mentioned for gatheringe or leuying of the knightes fees, shall leuy, gather, and pay the wages and fees to their burgessees, in lyke maner and fourme, as is aforesayde, and in and vnder like peine and forfeitures, as be before mentioned, to be leuied of the goodes and cattalles of euery suche mayre, bailiffe, and other head officer, to whome the kinges sayde write shal be directed for the leuying of suche fees, makinge defaulte of payment of the sayde fees and wages to the burgessees, in maner and fourme as is aforesayde.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, for as muche as the inhabitantes of all cities and boroughes in euery the sayde. xii. shyres within wales and in the sayde county of Monmouth, not finding burgessees for the parliament them selues, must beate and pay the burgessees wages

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ges within the shyre townes, of and in euery the sayd. xii. shyres in Wales; and in the saide countie of Monmouth: that from the beginning of the said parliament, the burgesles of all and euery of the saide cities, boroughes, and townes, whiche be and shalbe contributory to the payment of the burgesles wages, of the said shyre townes, shalbe lesfully admonished, by proclamation or otherwise, by the mayres bailiffes or other head officers of y^e said townes, or by one of them, to come and to giue their elections for the electing of the saide burgesles, at suche time and place lesful and reasonable, as shal be assigned for the same entet by the said maires, bailiffes, and other head officers of the said shyre townes, or by one of them, in which elections the burgesles shal haue like voyce and auctoritie, to electe, name, and chose the burgesles of euery the saide shyre townes, like and in suche maner as the burgesles of the sayde shyre townes haue or vse.

Provided alwaies, that two Iustices of peace in euery the shires in Wales, and in the said countie of Monmouth, by force of this act shal haue full power and auctoritie, indifferently to lot and tax euery citie, borough, and towne, within the shires of Wales, wherin they do inhabite, and in the said countie of Monmouth, for the portions and rates that euery the sayd cities and boroughes, shal beare and paye towards the sayde burgesles, within the said shyre townes of euery of the said shires in Wales, and the countie of Monmouth, which rates so rated and taxed in grosse by the said two iustices of peace, as is aforesaid, shalbe againe rated and taxed on the inhabitantes of euery the sayd cities and boroughes, by. iiii. or. vi. discrete and substanciall burgesles of euery the sayde cities and boroughes in Wales, thereunto named and assigned by the mayre, bailiffes, or other head officers of the sayde cities, townes, and boroughes, for the time being, and thereupon the maire, bayliffes, and other heade officers, of euery suche citie, borough, and towne, to collecte and gather the same, and thereof to make payment in maner and fourme as is aforesaide; to the burgesles of the parliament for the tyme being, within lyke tyme, and vpon the lyke peynes and forfeitures as is aboue mentioned.

An acte for the remission of the lorde. Cap. xij.



The kinges moste humble, faithfull, louing and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, prudently and louingly considering and calling to their remembraunces, not onely the innumerable benefites and goodnes, whiche they hertofore haue receiued, had, and inioyed, by and from his moste royall maiestie, by the tranquillitie of peace, due and iust administration & execution of Justice within this his realme of England, sith the time of his assumption of his crowne, estate & indignity royal, to his great laude, gloze and honour, but also the inestimable costes charges and expences,

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res, whiche his hyghnes necessarily and of fine force hath bene coacted and compelled to susteyne and support, chiefly for the suertie and comfort of hys graces subiectes, as by sundry wayes and meanes, and vpon iust and reasonable occasiōs and groundes, in and for the maintenaunce of his warres, inuasion and defence of his enuemies, repressing and subduing rebels and traytours: Concludinges of peace, amitie, and con corde in all Christen regions, reformyng and extinctyng, maye damnable and daungerous scismes, opinyons, and argumentes, sprung and rysen in the Churche of Englande, and also of Irelande, whereof he is in earth supreme head, whose most godly and honourably actes, as well marciall, as other, hys moste politike and prudent affaiers and enterpryses haue not only redounded to his immortall fame and honour, but also to the great quiet commoditie and profite of this realme of Englande, in and about the whiche, his maiestie (as it is not vnknewen) hath taken intollerable paynes trauaile studie and labour, in his owne moste costly person, and exposed and dispended much notable trespure and inestimable substaunce, as well rysen and growen by any maner contribution made to his maiestie by his sayd louing subiectes, as also of his owne perely reuenues of his crowne, whiche els his highnes might haue reserued and kepte to his owne vse and commoditie. And not withstanding that his maiestie, of his inestimable goodnes hathe of longe time like a charitable lounge and mooste vertuous pryntce, tendered, trusted, loued, and fauoured Frauncis nowe the frenche kyng, and shewed vnto hym dyuers and sundry inestimable gratuities and amities, as well by redeming him and his chyl dren out of captiuitie and thraldome, as also relieuing hym of his pouertie by dyuers and sundry prestes and lones of notable summes of money to hym made, trustyng thereby to haue preserved and continued loue, amitie, peace, and con corde, betwene the regions of England and Fraunce: Yet the same frenche kyng, nothyng regarding his honoure, othe, trouthe, promyse, and fidelitie, made vnto his maiestie, hath not only most ingratelly & wrongfully withdrawen from his said maiestie, the due rightfull and accustomed pencion, alwayes heretofore vled (as of righte) to be payde to his mayestie, and this his realme, out of the realme of Fraunce: but also hathe inferred and done vnto his maiestie, and hys lounge subiectes, manye other ryghte great and intollerable displeasures, wronges, iniuries, and damages: And for the mayntenaunce thereof, hath confederated hym selfe with the greate Turke, common ennemy to all Christendome, pretending thereby to satisfie hys owne ambycious mynde, and entendyng to putte vniuersall trouble and diuision in all the monarchie of Christendome, and subdue the realme of Englande, to his power and subiection. And where also his maiestie is iustely and lawfully intitled vnto the crowne and realme of Scotland, and to whole hyghnes as to theyr naturall and soueraigne liege lord, all the inhabitauntes of the same, oughte to beare due obedience and be subiectes: Yet neuertheles the same frenche king cesseth not dayly to procure, moue, & stirre the same Scottes, contrary to the dutie of their allegiance, faith, and promise,

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promyse, confirmed with great othe, not only to rebel against his maiestie, but also to make dyuers and sundry incurres, inuasions, spoyle, burninges, murders, wastinges and depopulations in this his realme of England, and to make open warre against the kinges maiestie, this his realme of England, and other his graces dominions. Wherefore the kynges moste excellent maiestie, like a moste godly vertuous and prudent prince, intending as well to mete with their sayd malicious pretended purposes and enterpryses, as also to recouer his rightes of his auncient inheritances, is forced, and can of his honour no lesse do, but determyne hym selfe, by the helpe of almighty God, to put his owne roiall persone, with the power of his realme and subiectes in armure, to the intent to leue warre, and to prosecute his sayde enemies, with the sword to the extremitie of his power: trusting thereby to reduce and bring his sayde enemies, to suche reasonable conditions of peace, that the same shall redounde to his graces honour, and to the vtilitie, profit, commodity and suerty of this his realme, and his louinge subiectes of the same. For the maintenaunce of whiche his maiesties warres, are required inestimable summes of treasure, to be employed and defrayed about the same.

¶ Wherefore his moste louinge and obedyente subiectes, consydeyrnge that it is their office and moste bounden dutie, to honour, ayde, mayntayne, and suppozte his maiestie in all hys iuste quarelles, with theyr bodies, landes, goodes, and substaunce, myndynge to beare with his hyghnes, in thys hys moste gracious and godly enterpryse, to the eleuation of parte of his greate and inestimable charges, callynge to theyr remembraunce, that dyuers and sundry of his louyng and obedyent subiectes, sythen the fyrst day of Januarye, in the. xxxiii. yere of hys mooste noble reygne, haue aduanced vnto hys maiestie, by waye of prest and lone, dyuers and sundry seuerall and particular summes of money. For the repayment whereof, sundrye and seuerall wytynges, vnder hys maiesties priuie seale, were seuerally deliuered vnto hys sayde louyng and obedyente subiectes, to be repayde vnto them, at sundrye dayes of payment, yet to come: whiche summes of money, as it is notoriously knowen, hys hyghnes hath fully and holie conuerted and employed, to the behofe, vse, and commodytie of hys louyng subiectes of thys his realme, and for the common wealth and defence of the same.

¶ In consyderation of all and syngular the premices, hys sayde humble, faythfull, louyng and obedyente subiectes, of one mynde, consente, and assente, and by auctoritie of thys presente parliament, doe for theim selues, and all the whole bodye of thys realme, whome they do presente, freely, lyberally, and absolutely, geue and graunte vnto the kynges highnes, by auctoritie of thys presente parliamente, all and euerye summe and summes of money, whiche to them, or any of theim, is ought or myght be due by reason of anye money, or anye other thynge, to hys grace auanced or payde by waye of the sayde prest or lone: And vtterly, franckly, liberally, moste willingly and beneuolently, for them, their heyres, executors, and successours, do remit, release and quiet clayme vnto his highnes, hys heyres, and successours for euer, al

uer, all and euery the same summes of monye, and euery parcell therof. And all and syngular suites petycions and demaundes, whiche they or anye of them, theyr heyres successours and executors, or the heyres executors or successours of any of them haue had or may haue for the same or any parcell thereof: Moste humbly and louinglye beseching hys hyghnes, for the moze cleare discharge of the same, that it maye be ordeyned and enacted, by the kynge our soueraygne Lorde, the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all promysse, bandes, letters, vnder the kynges pryuy seale, signet, sygne manuell, or great seale passed, and all other bondes or promysse, what so euer they be, had or made to anye persone or persones, spirytual or temporal, shyre, cite, boroughe, wapentake, towne shyre, hamelet, bylage, hundred, churche cathedrale or collegiat, or to any guilde, fraternitie, or bodye corporate, feloweshyp or company, or any other, hauing capacite to take any bande promysse or wytyng, especially or generally, ioyntely or seuerally, touching or concernynge the sayde prest or lone, and euery of them, or the repayment of any summe or summes of money for the same, be from henceforth voyde and of none effecte.

And it is further enacted by auctoritie aboue sayde, that if any persone or persones, what so euer he or they be, whiche at any time after the sayde first Daye of January, which was in the sayd. xxxiii. yere of the raigne of our now most gracions soueraigne lord, hath payde aduanced or deliuered to the king our soueraigne lorde, or to any persone or persones to his vse, any summe or summes of money, by way of prest or lone, as is abouesayd, and haue agayn obteyned of or from the kynges maiestie, the sayd summe or summes of money so aduanced, prested, or lent to his hyghnes, or anye percell thereof, or any other recompence what so euer, by bargayne, graunt, gyfte, sale, commaundement, assignement, repayment, by of or from his maiestie, or by any other what soeuer meane: That than all and euerye the sayde summe and summes of money, and euerye parcell thereof, so aduanced prested or lent, and repayde or receyued by any manner of meane, as is abouesayd, or otherwyle recompenced, shall be repayde or satisfied vnto the kynges maiestie, or to the coferer of hys moste honourable houlholde, or to suche other persone or persones, as by his maiestie shalbe therunto assigned or appoynted, to the vse of his maiestie, by suche persone or persones, that so aduanced prested or lent any such summe or summes of money, or by the executors of such persone or persones deceased, hauing sufficient goodes of their testatours in his or theyr hande or handes, the. xiiii. Daye of february, the. cxxv. yere of the reigne of our now moste gracions and naturall soueraygne liege lorde, or of the heyre or heyres of the same persone or persones, so deceased, hauynge landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, to hym or them so discended, in fee simple or fee tayle, from the same person or persons, that is so aduanced, prested, or lent, any summe or summes of money, as is aboue sayde, the. xiiii. Daye abouesayd, at the lyberty and pleasure of his highnes, before the feast

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of all suites next conuynge, without anye maner of contradiction, or farther delaye: Any warrant, bargayne, couenaunt, graunt, agreement, assignement, or other commaundement heretofore made to the contrary notwithstanding: The same summes to be demaunded and recovered by his maiestie in any of his courtes, by bill, action of det, information, or other wyse: In whiche no wager of lawe, essoine or protection, shall be permitted suffered or allowed.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aboue sayde, that if any person or persones, whiche haue auanced prested or lent to the kinges maiestie, any summe or summes of money, as is abouesayde, haue bargayned and solde the sayde summe or summes of money, so auanced, prested, or lent, and the det and duetie of the same to any person or persones, what so euer he or they be, and haue receiued any summe or summes of money, couenaunt, promise, or other thing or thinges, in and for the recompence thereof: That than all and euery suche bargaine and bargaines, sale and sales, couenaunt or couenauntes, promise and promises, shall be utterly voyde and of none effecte.

And that than all and euery person and persones, whiche so haue bargained, obtained, or bought, any suche summe or summes of money, so auanced, prested, or lent, as is abouesayde, shall be repayed and restored to all and euery summe and summes of money, or other thinge or thinges, of what nature or qualitie so euer it be of, or by the persone or persones, that so bargained and solde the same, or of or by the executour or executours of suche persone or persones, being dead, hauinge goodes sufficient of his or their restatour in his or their hande or handes, the. xiiii. daie abouesayde, or of or by the heire or heires of the sayde persone or persones being dead, as is abouesayde, hauing landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, to him or them discended, in fee simple, or in fee taylor, the. xiiii. daie abouesaid, by or from the sayde persone or persones, that so made bargaine or sale, as is abouesayde, at the libertie and pleasure of the sayde persone and persones, that so bargayned or bought the sayde debte, dutie, and money lent, or his or their executours or administratours as is abouesayde, without contradiction or delaye. And for the reconery of the same, shall haue his or their remedy and reconery by action of det Detinue or accompt, as the nature or qualitie of the thing requieth, against the witholder or witholders thereof. In whiche action no wager of lawe essoyne or protection, shall be permitted suffered or allowed.

An acte that the demaynlandes and tenementes in Wallingham, belonging to the late priory ther, may be let by copy of court rolle. Cap. xij.



The kynges imperiall maiestie, moste bening nelye calling to his gracious remembraunce, that his towne of little Wallingham, other wyse called newe Wallingham, which heretofore, as well through the great and continuall trade of al maner of marchaundise in times paste, there vsed and practised

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tyled, as also by and through the populous concourse and resorte of his people from all partes of this realme in tymes paste, within the sayde towne frequented and continued, was growen and comen to be very populous, welthy, and beautifullly builded, is at this present by the greate decaye and withdrauyng of the sayde trade of marchaundise there, and by dyuerse other sundrye occasions of late happened, lyke to fall to vtter ruine, and to be barrayne, desolate, and vnyeopled: myndyng of his accustomed goodnes and princely zeale, to lasteyne and mainteyne his sayd towne of new Walsingham, in no lesse welthe, rychesse, beaucie, and prosperitie, than the same at any tyme heretofore hath bene supported and mainteyned, is pleased and contented, that where his sayde maiestie is seased of the manours of Graunges, Colinghams, Bottes, Fennes and Marthes, with the appurtenances in the countie of Norffolke, whiche sayde manours were parcell of the possessions of the late Abbey or Priorye of Walsingham, in the sayde countie of Norffolke, that it be enacted by his hyghnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all those his graces houses, landes and tenementes, with the appurtenaunces, beyng parte or parcell of anye of the demeanes of the sayde manours of the Graunges, Colinghams, Bottes, Fennes, and Marthes, with the appurtenaunces, or anye of them, shall from henceforth be vled and taken to all intentes constructions and purposes, as copy holde, landes and tenementes, and shall and maye from henceforth be graunted by cople of courte rolle, by the hyghe steward or vndersteward of euery of the sayde manours, or by their sufficient deputye or deputies, lawefully aucthorised in that behalfe, to any persone or persones, in fee simple for terme of lyfe or liues, yelding, reseruing, doing, and payinge, suche rentes, seruices, fines, heriottes, & customes, as within the sayd copies, shall be specified and mencioned, and for defaute of none doing or paying of the rentes, Dueties and seruices, in any the same copies to be mencioned, all and euery suche parte and parcel of the said demeanes, wherof any such copy or copies shall be made, in suche maner and fourme as is before rehearsed, shall from the time of euery suche copy therof to be made, be and remaine in suche lyke issues and forsaytures to euery intent and purpose as other cople hold and customary landes and tenementes of euery such the said manours now we do, wherof the said demeane mansions, houses, landes, & tenementes, so to be graunted by cople, bene parcell.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euerye the copies hereafter to be made of any part of the premisses, in maner and fourme by cople of court rolle, as is aboue specified, shall from and after the same copie and copies so to be made and graunted, as is aforesayde, be as good, sure, beneficiall and effectuell in the lawe, to euery purpose and intende, to all and euery such persone and persones, whiche so shall happen to accept receiue and take the same, according to the fourme, tenour and effecte of euery the sayde copies, as well againste the kynges hyghnes, hys heires and successours

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successours; as against all and euery other persone and persones, and their heires, and the heires of euery of them, that shal hereafter happen to be lord or lordes, of the saide manours and other the premisses or any of them, as if the same demeanes, houses, landes, and tenementes, had bene alwayes accustomed to be graunted or letten by copp of courtte rolle, anye lawe custome or vsage heretofore to the contrary hereof had made or vsed in any wyse notwithstanding. Sauing to all and euery persone and persones, and bodie polittike, and their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euerye of them, other then oure sayde soueraygne lord the kynge, his heires and successours, all suche ryght, title and interest, rentes, annuities and leases, and all other profittes, whiche they or any of them, haue clayme, ought, may or might haue had in or to the premisses, or to any parte or parcell thereof, in suche lyke maner forme and condition, to all intentes respectes constructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer bene had ne made.

An act for the reseruatiō of tenures vpon houses wiche landes belonging to the same, vnder the clere perely value of xl. s. Cap. xiiii.



PLeaseth it your moste excellent maiestie, that tohere as in the parliament begon at westminst. the third day of Nouember, in the. xxi. yeare of your moste gracious reigne, and by diuers prorogations there continued, vntill the. iiii. day of february, in the. xxvii. yeare of youre sayde reigne, and than and there it was amongst other thynge enacted, ordeyned, and establi- shed by auctoritie of your hyghe courtte of parliament, that youre sayd maiestie shall haue and enioye to your hyghnes, your heires and successours for euer, all and singuler suche monasteries priories and other religious houses, of Nunkes, Chanons, and Nunnes, of what kyndes or dyuersities of habites, rules or order so euer they were then called or named, whiche then had not in landes, tenementes, rentes, tithes, pentiones, or other hereditamentes aboute the clere pearely value of. CC. li. and all the sites and circutes of all suche religious houses, and all and singular the manours, graunges, meesses, landes, tenements, reuercions, rentes, seruices, tithes pencion, aduousons, patronages, rightes, entrees, conditions and other hereditametes appertaynyng and belonging to euerye suche monastery priory and other religious houses, not hauing as is aforesayde, landes and tenementes aboute the saide clere perely value of. CC. poundes, in as large and ample maner, as the abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other gouernours of suche monasteries priories and other religious houses, than had or oughte to haue had the same, in the right of their houses. And that your said highnes should haue to you and to your heires, all and singular such monasteries, abbeyes, and priories, whiche at any time within one yeare next afore the makinge of the sayde act, had bene graunted to your said maiestie by any abbot prior abbesse or prioresse, vnder their couent seales, or that otherwyse had bene sup-

passed, or dissolved, and all and singular the manours, landes, tenementes,
 rentes, seruices, reuerfions, tithes, pencion, porcions, churches, chapels, ad-
 uoufons, patronages, rightes, entrees, conditions, and all other interestes,
 and hereditamentes to the same monasteries, abbayes, or priories, or to any
 of them, than appertayning or belonging, to do and vse therewith your sayd
 highnes owne will. And furthermore, by the saide act it was ordeyned and
 establisshed, that all and euery the premisses, should be in the order suruey and
 gouernance of your said highnes court, then erected and called the court of
 the augmentations of the reuenues of your highnes crowne, except alwaie
 and reservede suche, and as many of the same monasteries, priories, and hou-
 ses, with all their hereditamentes and possessions, whiche your said highnes
 by your letters patentes vnder your great seale, should then declare and ly-
 mitte to continue and be in their essentiall estate, and to perseuer in the bo-
 dy and corporation, as they were before the makinge of the sayde acte. And
 where also it was then further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that by-
 pon all and singular letters patentes, than to be made vnder the great seale
 of Englande, of any manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, be-
 longing or apperteyning to any of the sayd houses comprised in the said act,
 and committed to the suruey of the saide court, to any person or persones, or
 body politike, of any estate of inheritance, there should be reservede to youre
 sayd highnes, your heires and successours, a tenure by knightes seruice, in
 capite, and a yerely rent of the tenth part of the yerely value of the same lan-
 des, to be comprised in euery suche letters patentes, according to suche rate,
 as the same manours, landes and tenementes geuen, should be declared, ex-
 pressed to be of yearely value in the same letters patentes, any thing or clause
 conteyned in anye warrante to the contrarie thereof not withstanding, as
 moze playnely at large it maye appeare by the sayde estatute. Sence the
 makinge whereof, a great numbre of your moste bounden louyng and obe-
 dient subiectes, haue purchased and obteyned of your saide highnes, by your
 graces letters patentes, diuers and sundry houses, landes, tenementes and
 hereditamentes, parcell of the premisses, by small quilletes parcels and por-
 tions, according to their powers habilities and substaunce, to wardes the
 sustentation of them selues, theyr wyues and chyldren. And for as muche,
 as they be not hable to maynteine their pooze family of the yerely issues and
 profites comming and growing of the sayd small quilletes houses and tene-
 mentes, paying and doing the rentes and seruices reservede for and vpon the
 same, in suche maner as of right appertayneth: It may therfore please your
 sayd excellent maiestie, of your moste abundant grace, that in consideration
 of the premisses, and for the ease and reliefe of youre subiectes, that it maye
 be enacted ordeyned and establisshed by your highnes, with the assent of the
 lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament
 assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from and after the. xxiii. daye
 of Apryll, in the. xxv. peare of youre moste noble reygne, that youre sayde
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bypon your letters patentēs, of any manours, landes, tenementes, reuertions, rentes, seruices, tithes, pensions, portions, aduousons, patronages, or other hereditamentes, not exceeding the clere yerely value of .xl.s. whiche were belonging to any of the sayde houses comprised in the sayde acte, wherby any estate of inheritaunce doth or shall passe from your sayd highnes, your heires or successours (houses, tenementes, cotages and gardeins, whereunto no landes, tenementes or hereditamentes do appertayne, only excepted) reserue vnto your sayde hyghnesse, your heires and successours, eyther a tenure by knyghtes seruice in capite, or elles a tenure in socage or free burgage, and not in capite, at your free will and pleasure, with the yerely rent of the tenth parte of the sayde landes and tenementes to be comprised in euerye suche letters patentēs, according to suche rate and value, as the same manours, landes and tenementes, shall be expressed and rated to be of the yearely value of the same letters patentēs, the sayde rent to be payde to the officers of your highnes sayde courte of the augmentations of the reuenewes of your crowne, to your sayde hyghnes vse, accordeinge as other reuenues there be and shalbe payde by the auctoritie of the sayde acte. And that of houses, tenementes, cotages, and gardeynes, whereunto no landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes do appertayne, not beyng any of the kynges princely houses, reserued and kepte by a keeper thereof to the kynges vse, whiche were belongynge to anye of the sayde houses comprised in the sayde acte, bypon euery the letters patentēs of any the sayde houses, tenementes, cotages and gardeynes, to the whiche no landes do appertayne, wherby any estate of inheritaunce dothe or shall passe therein from your sayde hyghnes, your heires or successours, to reserue vnto the same your hyghnes, your heires and successour, at your owne will and pleasure, eyther a tenure by knyghtes seruice in capite, or els a tenure in socage or free burgage, and not in capite, with the yearely rente of the tenth parte, as is aforesayde: any lawe statute, custome, blage, or any other thyng or thynges heretofore to the contrary thereof in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ An acte for pauing of Cambridge. Cap. xv.



And as muche as the auncient boroughe and towne of Cambridge, well inhabited and replenished with people, bothe in the vniuersite, where noble and many worshipfull mens children be put to learning & study, also with diuers and sundrye artificers and other inhabitantes, is at this day very sore decayed in pauing, and the highe streates and lanes within the same towne exceedingly noyed with filth and mier, lying there in great heapes and brode plashes, not onely noysome and combrous to the inhabitantes of the sayd borough, and suche other the kinges subiectes as daily do passe by and through the same on foote: but also very perillous and tedious to all such persones, as shall on horseback conuey or cary any thing with cartes by and

by and through the same. For the amendement and reformation wherof, it may please the kynges highnes, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that it maye be ordeyned established and enacted, that all and euery persone and persones, bodieys politike and corporate, which now we haue or at any tyme hereafter shall haue holde and enioye, any houses landes, tenementes, gardeines, yeardes, orcheyardes, barnes, stables, cotages, curtillages, or other groundes or soyles, set lying and being within the saide towne, next adioyning or abutting vpon euery highe wayes, streates, or lanes within the same towne of Cambridge, in fee simple, fee tayle, frank almoigne by deuine seruice, for terme of life, for terme of yeres, or the wardship or custody of any heyre or heires, during the nonage of the same heire or heyres, or els by execution, by wypte of Elegit, or for or by estatute of the staple, recognisans or statute marchant, or other wyse in hys owne ryghte, or in the right of his wyfe, shall on this syde the feast of saynt Peter the aduincula, commonly called Lammas, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord God, after the course and computacion of the churche of Englande. M.D. XLV. well and sufficiently, paue or cause to be paued with pauing stone, all and euery the highe wayes and stretes, lying directly before their sayde houses, landes, tenementes, gardeines, yeardes, orchardes, barns, stables, cotages, curtillages, groundes, or soyles, set, lying & being in the high stretes and lanes, in the saide towne hereafter specified, that is to save the highe strete called the bydgstrete, from saynt Peters churche at the castell ende, directly as the same high strete ledeth & stretcheth ouer the great bridge, and so throughout the preachers strete on both sides of the same stretes, to the lane betwyxte saint Nicholas hostyll and the late dissolved place of the friers preachers, leading towarde Waldon: And also the highe strete called the high warde strete, from the ende of saint Johns lane ouer against the rounde churche, directly as the same high strete leadeth and stretcheth from the same corner, vnto the late heremitage of saint Anne, on bothe the sides of the same strete. The market place of the same towne, and all other common streates and lanes within the same towne, that now be paued, or at any tyme heretofore hath bene pauid, euery persone and persones as is aboue said, to paue suche parte and quantitie of the saide wayes stretes & lanes, vnto the middes of the same wayes stretes and lanes, and in length as his or their houses, tenementes, groundes and soyles, do lye and extende by and against the sayde wayes stretes and lanes.

And furthermore be it enacted, that Jesus lane, the blacke friers lane, with the wayes leading vnto Barnwel, and so throughout the same towne to Sturbridge bridge, Harlestone lane, saynt Gyles lane, to the ende of Betonam lane, extending and leading from the bridge against the mylles, vnto the ende of the same lane, ouer againste the Quenes colledge, and the lane leading from saint Johns vnto the water syde, and all other common backe lanes belonging to the same towne, that now be not, nor heretofore haue

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haue not bene paved with paving stones, and at this daye be very noyous and in great ruine and decaye, shall be sufficiently made, repaired and amended, with grauell and other thinges, by suche owners and possessioners of houses, landes, tenementes, gardeynes, orchardes, cotages, curtilages and other groundes and soyles as is aforesaid, set liyng and being in euery of the said lanes, before the said feast of saint Peter the aduincula, commonly called Lammas, aboute written, vpon peyne of euery persone charged or chargeable or whiche ought to pauer the said wayes, stretes, or lanes by force of this act, to forsayte for euery yerde square, not paved before the saide feast of saynte Peter the aduincula, commonly called Lammas, xii. d. For euery poole of the saide lanes aboute named, not made nor amended with grauell, by the date and feast aboute said, to forseyte. ii. s. and that al & euery person and persones, now hauing, or whiche hereafter shall haue any landes, tenementes, gardeynes, orchardes, cotages, curtilages, or other groundes or soyles in fee simplee, fee tayle, franke almoigne by diuine seruice, for terme of lyfe or otherwise, as is aboute sayde, adioynynge and lyng to and nexte the sayde highe wayes or highe stretes and lanes aboute named or any of them, their heyres assignes and successours, after and from the saide feast, shall perely suppozte, make, repaire and mainteine, all and euery the sayde pauementes ouer against his or their houses, landes, tenementes, gardeynes, orchardes, and other the premisses, as is aforesayde, from tyme to tyme, and at al times hereafter, as often and whan nede shall be, vpon peyne to forseyte for euery yerde square, not sufficiently paved, amended or repaired. vi. d. and for euery poll of the lanes called Iesus lane, the blacke friers lane, Harlestons lane, saint Gyles lane, to the ende of Newnam lane, and the lane leadinge from saint Johnshceine to the water syde, and all other backe lanes belonginge to the same towne, not sufficiently mainteyne repayred and kept with grauell. xii. d.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the chauncellour, vicechancellour of the vniuersitie of Cambridge and their successours, or his or their deputie or deputies, the maire and bailiffes, or his or their deputie and deputies, and their successours, with foure assistantes, as they bothe thinke mete and conuenient, twoo of the vniuersitie, and twoo of the towne of Cambridge for the tyme being, shall haue at all tymes full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, twyse in the yeare, at Easter, and Michaelmas, or within a moneth after the saide feastes, to make enquiry, and to call afoze them twelue men, as well of scholer seruantes, as other inhabitants indifferently chosen of euery warde within the town of Cambridge, and liberties thereof, and shall sweare them to make presentmente of all suche persone and persones, that from tyme to tyme as nede shall require, do not pauer such their parte and portion of the saide wayes, stretes and lanes before specified, ouer against their houses, landes, tenementes, groundes and soyles in the sayde towne, nor amende all the other sayde lanes within the sayde towne and liberties thereof, with grauell, accordinge to the purpoite and

and meaning of this acte. And also that the chauncellour vicechauncellour, or his or their deputie or deputies, the maire and bailifes, or his or their deputie or deputies, with foure assistances with them afore specified within the said vniuersitie and towne of Cambridge, for the time beinge, and their successors, shall haue full power and auctoritie, twice in the yeare, to set suche fines and amerciamentes of all and singular persone and persons, that hereafter be remisse and negligent in pauing, amending and repairing the sayde highe waies, stretes and lanes, or any of them, according to this act, whiche be now paued and amended, or by force of this act, hereafter shall be paued and amended, as shall seme and thought by their discretions conuenient & necessary. And the same fines and amerciamentes forfeited and assessed of scholers and scholers seruantes, and euery of them according to the composition betwixt the vniuersitie and the towne, to be gathered by the beail, and employed and conuerted to the vse of the vniuersitie. And that the chamberleyn of the sayde towne of Cambridge, or els suche an officer, as the mayre than being, shall appoynte, shall leuy and gather suche penalties, fines and amerciamentes, forfeited and assessed of euery burgesse and foreyners, for euery within the sayde towne, or the precincte of the same, offendinge contrary to this acte, by distresse, or els by plainte or action, to be taken or commenced by the sayde chamberlaine, or els suche an officer, as the mayre shall appoynte, before the mayre and bailiffes of the sayd towne: And the money comming of the saide penalties, to be employed and conuerted to the vse of the saide towne.

And it is further enacted, that if the sayde Chauncellour or vicechauncellour for the time being, or the mayre for the time being, of the sayde vniuersitie and town of Cambridge, at any time at the daies appointed by this act, or within one moneth after the said feast of saint Peter the aduincula, commonly called Lammas, for the intent and purpose abouesayde, to be holden and kepte within the same towne, before the Chauncelloure vicechauncellour, or his or their deputie or deputies, the mayre or his deputie, be negligent and remisse to charge by othe or othes, suche persones to finde and present the sayd defaultes and negligences of all persones, offendinge contrary to the true purpote and meaning of this act, than the sayde Chauncellour or vicechauncellour for the tyme beyng, or the mayre for the tyme beyng, at the sayde feastes of Easter and Michaelmas, or within a moneth after euery of them, so being negligent or remisse, or els after the sayde charge giuen, and presentment made by the saide. xii. men, they their deputies or assignes be remisse and negligente in leuyinge and executinge of the same, for affection, lucre or parcialitie, and do forbear to leuy the sayde amerciamentes, fines and penalties, so forfeited and founde, assessed wholly and truely of all person and persones within the sayde vniuersitie and towne of Cambridge, so offendinge contrary to this acte, in forbearing and not doyng the same, by the space of. vi. weekes after any one of the sayde feastes, to lose and forfeits for euery tyme so negligent. C. s. The one halfe to be to the vse of the kinges

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the kinges highnes, and the other halfe to the vse of the kinges subiectes, that will sue for the same, in any of the kinges courttes, by byll, action, infor- mation or other wyse, toherin no wager of the lawe, essoyne, or protection, shall lie for the defendaunt.

¶ And further be it enacted, that no persone or persones, exercisinge the handicrafte or occupation of pauinge within the sayde towne, shall take a- boue. i. d. n. for every yerde square pauinge, or els to take for his dayes la- boure. vi. d. and finde him selfe. And if any persone or persons, vsinge and ex- ercisinge the sayde crafte of pauing within the sayde towne, do or hereafter shall refuse or deny to worke for the wages aboue s^ymitted, then he or they so refusing, to incurre the penalties compysed in the statute of Winchester made for artificers and labourers, and in all thinges to be ordered and v^sed, according to the purport and true meaning of the same.

¶ Provided alwaye, and be it also enacted, that if any the inhabitantes, or any other person or persons, be fermers or occupiers of any of the sayde hou- ses, landes, tenementes & other groundes, within the said towne, payng the old and auncient customes to be payed y^erely for the same, within. xx. yeares past, be compelled to paue and repayre the stretes and highe wayes before their houses tenementes and other groundes and soles, by force of this act, that then every such inhabitantes, or other person fermier or occupier therof, shall defalke abate & retaine in his owne hādes, as much of his rent or ferme due to his lessour, as he can proue to haue payde layde out and expended in and about the same pauinge and reparations, and the lessoure for so muche money as the same shal amounte vnto, to haue none action reentre or reme- dy for none payment of the same rent or ferme, onlesse it be otherwise agreed betweene them, vpon the taking of suche lease by indenture or other wyse.

¶ An act concerning the examination of the Canon lawes by. xxxii. E. an. lxxv. persones to be named by the kynges maiestie, during his highnes lyfe. Cap. xvi.



¶ Here in the parliament holden at Westmister, the fourthe daye of Februarpe, in the seuen and twety yeare of the reigne of oure moste dreade soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eight, it was enacted by the kynges hyghnes with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in the same parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the kings maiestie shuld haue ful power & auctoritie, as wel afore & after the dissolution of the said parliament at his libertie & pleasure, to name and assigne. xvi. persons of the clergy, and. xvi. lay persons of the tem- poralitie. And if any of the saide persons so named happened to decese, that then the kinges maiestie should haue power & auctoritie, to nominate and assigne from time to time, other in their places, to supply the number of the sayde. xxxii. persones, to viewe serche and examine the canons constitutions and ordinaunces prouinciall and synodall, mencioned and specified in the sayde

saide acte. And that the said. xxxii. persones, so to be nominated and appointed by his maiestie at all times from thenceforth for terme of thre yeres next after the dissolution of the saide parliament, should haue power and auctoritie to assemble them selues together from time to time, by the kinges commandement, for the due and perfecte execution of the saide acte, according to the intentes and true meaning of the same, as in the saide acte plainly appeareth. Since the making of whiche acte diuers vrgent and great causes and matters haue occurred and happened, whereby the saide nomination and appointment of the saide. xxxii. persones by the kynges hyghnes, haue bene omitted, whereby the saide serche vie w and examination of the said canons constitutions, ordinaunces, prouinciall and synodall, haue not bene had ne made according to the tenour purport and effecte of the same acte.

¶ Wherefore be it enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, any acte tofoze made to the contrary notwithstanding, that the kynges maiestie shall from henceforth the from tyme to tyme during his highnes life (whiche our lord long preserue) haue power auctoritie and libertie, to nominate and assigne. xvi. persons of the clergy, and xvi. lay persones of the temporalitie, to peruse ouersee and examine all maner of canons constitutions ordinaunces prouinciall and synodall, and further to set in order and establishe all suche lawes ecclesiasticall, as shall be thought by the kynges maiestie and them conueniente to be vled and set forth within his realme and dominions, in all spirituall courtes and conuentions. And if after suche nomination, any of the saide persones so to be nominated, happen to deceasse, that then the kynges saide maiestie shall haue full power and auctoritie, to nominate and assigne from tyme to time, as is aforesaid, other in their places, to supply the number of the saide. xxxii. persons. And that the saide. xxxii. persons so to be nominated by his maiestie as is aforesayde, at all times from henceforth shall haue power and auctoritie to assemble them selues together from time to tyme by the kinges commandement, for the perfecte establisshement of the saide lawes, accordinge to the due intent and true meaning of this act, and of the prouisions therein, any acte to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that tyll such tyme as the kinges maiestie, and the saide. xxxii. persones haue accomplished and executed the effectes and contentes, afore reherled and mentioned, that suche canons constitutions ordinaunces synodal or prouinciall or other ecclesiasticall lawes or iurisdiccions spirituall, as be yet accustomed and vled here in the churche of Englande, whiche necessarye and conuenientlye are requisite to be putte in vze and execution for the tyme, not beyng repugnant contrariante or derogatory to the lawes or statutes of the realme, nor to the prerogatives of the regal crowne of the same or any of them, shall be occupied exercised and put in vze for the time within this or any other the kynges maiesties dominions. And that the ministers and due executours of them

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of them, shall not incurre any damage or daungier for the due exercisynge of the foresaide lawes, so that by no colour or pretence of them or any of them, the minister put in by any thing prejudiciall or in contrary of the regall power or lawes of the realme, any thinge what so ever to the contrary of this present acte notwithstanding.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that suche lawes and ordinaunces ecclesiasticall, as shall be devised and made by the kinges maiestie and .xxvii. persones afore mencioned by vertue of this presente acte, shall after they be made established and declared by the kinges maiesties proclamation vnder his highnes great seale, be onely taken, reputed and vled, for the kinges lawes ecclesiasticall of this realme, any acte to the contrary of this statute notwithstanding.

An acte for the preservation of woodes. Cap. xxij.



The kyng our soueraigne Lorde, perceiuing and right well knowyng the great decaye of tymber and woodes vniuersally within this his realme of England, to be such, that onlesse speedy remedy in that behalfe be prouided, there is great and manifest likelihode of scarcitie and lacke, as wel of timber for building, making, repairing, and mainteining of houses and shippes, as also for ferwel and firewood, for the necessary reliefe of the whole cominaltie of this his said realme, wherfore be it ordeined & enacted by his highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual & temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that in and vpon all and singuler seuerall woodes, commonly called copies, woodes or vnder woodes, which frō or after the feast of saint Michael the archaungell, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde God. M.D. XLIII. shall be felled at fourtene yerres growng or vnder, there shalbe lefte standing and vnfelled, for euery acre of woode that shall be felled within the sayde copies, twelue standilles or stozers of oke, and if there be not so many standilles or stozers of oke, that then there shall be lefte so manye other kynde, that is to saye, of Elme, Alshe, Aspe, or Beche, as shall make by the sayde numbze of xii. standilles or stozers, lykelye to proue and to be tymber trees, the same standilles or stozers, to be of suche standilles or stozers, as haue ben left there standing at any the felling of the same copies, woodes, or vnder woodes in tyme past. And in case there be no suche standilles or stozers there standing, whiche were there lefte at the laste felling of the same copies or vnder woodes, than the same standilles or stozers there to be lefte, shall be lefte at this nowe nerte felling of the sayde copies, woodes, or vnder woodes, of suche moste likeliest okes: and if there be not sufficient of okes, then of the moste likeliest elmes, alhe, aspe, or beche, to proue and to be tymber trees, as shall growe within any suche seuerall woodes copies or vnder woodes, and that the same standilles or stozers so left, shalbe preserved and not felled or cutte downe, tyll they and euery of them shall be of. x. inches square within thre

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feaste of the grounde, vpon payne that euery owner of euery suche standilles and stozers, hauinge an estate of inheritaunce, or an estate for terme of lyfe of freholde, or by coppe of court rolle, or for yeares in the grounde or soile, where the same standilles or stozers shall growe, causing or commaunding any suche coppies, woodes, or vnderwoodes, to be felled or cut downe, and not leauing the sayd standilles or stozers there standing in forme aforesayd, to lose and forsayte for euery standill and stozer so not leste standinge in the sayd coppies, woodes, or vnderwoodes. iii. s. iiii. d. And vpon pain that euery owner, as is aforesaid, of any suche coppies, woodes, or vnderwoodes, causing or commaunding any of the said standilles or stozers so left, as is aboue sayde, to be cut downe contrary to the forme of this act, to forseyte and lose for euery of the sayde standilles or stozers, whiche shalbe cut down, three. s. & foure. d. the one halfe of whiche saide forsaiture to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to be to the partie that will sue for the same in any court of recorde, by action of debte, byll, playnt, or information, in the whiche action, bill, plainte, and information, no protection, wager of lawe, nor essoyne, shall be admitted or allowed.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and singular coppies and vnderwoodes, whiche after the saide feaste of saint Michell the archangell, shall happen to be felled or cutte downe, at the age of. viii. yeares growethe or vnder, and not being aboue the said age, from and after the twenty daye of Aprill, next after the felling thereof, during the terme of foure yeares then next ensuing, shall be sufficiently enclosed, or the springes thereof otherwise saued and preserved from destruction by anye maner of cattell or beastes by him or them, whiche then shall haue lawfull interest and possession in the saide woodes, coppies, or vnderwoodes, as is aforesayde, vpon payne of euery person or persones so bounden, to enclose, fence, saue or preserve, the sayde coppies or vnderwoodes, to forsayte and lose for euery roode thereof so not enclosed, fenced, saued, or preserved, during the said foure yeares. iii. s. iiii. d. for euery moneth that the same coppies or vnderwoodes, shall happen to lye or be vnclosed, not fenced, saued, or preserved, as is aforesayde. And that all and singular coppies or vnderwoodes, whiche after the sayde feast of sainte Michell the archangell, shall happen to be felled or cut downe, being aboue the age of. viii. yeares growthe, and not aboue the age of. xiiii. yeres growthe, from the. xx. day of Aprill next after the felling or cutting downe thereof, during the terme of. vi. yeares next ensuing the same. xx. day of Aprill, shall be sufficiently inclosed, or the springes thereof otherwyse saued and preserved from the distruction thereof by any maner of cattell or beastes, by and at the costes of suche, whiche then shall haue lawfull interest and possession in the sayde woodes or coppies, as is beforesayde, vpon payne of euery persone or persones so bounden to enclose, fence, saue, or preserve the sayde coppies or vnder woodes, as is aforesaid, to forsaite and lose for euery roode, so not enclosed, fenced, saued, or preserved, during the sayde. vi. yeares, iii. s. iiii. d. for euery moneth that the same coppies or vnder woodes shall happen

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happen to lye or be vnclosed, and not fenced sauēd or preserved as is afore-
sayde.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeseyde, that no persone or
persons, after the sayd feast of saynt Michaell tharchangell, shall conuerter or
tourne into pasture or tillage, any such coppies or vnderwoodes containing
in quantitie twoo acres or aboue, whiche now be woode or vnderwoode,
and put or reserued to the vse or encrease of woode or vnderwood, and being
twoo furlong distant from the house of the owner thereof; or from the house
wherunto the sayd woode doth lye, appertayne or belonge, vppon payne to
forfayte and lose for euery acre of woode, so to be conuerted or tourned from
woode into pasture or tillage. xl. s.

¶ Provided alwaye, that this act shall not extende to any coppies, woodes
or vnderwoodes, distroyed or tourned into tillage or pasture, within. xx. yeres
laste past, although the more parte or any part thereof be now ouertgrown
with bushes or vnderwood.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeseyde, that all and every
person and persons, bodie polittike and corporate, whiche haue or hereafter
shall haue any seueral woodes or coppies growing and set with great trees
being aboue the age of. xliii. yeres groweth, shall at the felling or weddyng
therof, leaue standing within the precinct of the sayd woode and coppies, for
euery acre so felled. xii. trees of oke of the same such greete trees if there be so
many trees of oke there to be lefte, and for lacke of okes, then to leaue for
euery acre so felled, as many other trees of elme, ashe, beech or aspe, as shall
make the full number of twelue of suche as shalbe there then growing, the
same trees there so lefte to stande continue and to be preserved by suche ow-
ner or owners as is abouesayde, during the space of. xx. yeres next after
suche felling of the same woodes. And also shall from the. xx. daye of Aprill,
nexte after the felling therof, during the terme of. vii. yeres then next follow-
ing, sufficiently enclose them, or the springes thereof other wise save and pre-
serue from the destruction thereof by any manner of cattell or beastes, vppon
payne that euery suche persone or persons, or bodie polittike or corporate,
being owners of the sayde great woodes, as is afore sayde, to forfeite and lose
for euery such great tree of the saide number lackynge, and not lefte so stan-
dyng in the sayde woode as is abouesayde. vi. s. viii. d. and vppon payne that
euery owner of the ground or soile, wherupon suche great trees as is afore
sayde, shalbe lefte standing or growing, causing or countaunding any of the
sayde great trees, there so lefte standing as is aforesaid, to be cut downe con-
trary to the fourme of this acte, to forfeite and lose for euery of the same
great trees so lefte, whiche shall be so cut downe as is aforeseyde. vi. s. viii. d.
And vppon payne also to lose and forfeite for euery roode of suche greete
wood, so not enclosed, fenced, sauēd or preserved, during the sayd space of. vii.
yeres, for euery moneth. iiii. s. viii. d.

¶ Provided alwaye, that it shall be lawefull to euery owner or owners of
any of the sayde coppies, woodes, vnderwoodes, standes or stowes, greete
woodes

woodes and trees afore rehearsed, to fell, cut downe, and take any of the same for building, repairing, enclosing and mainteining of houses, orchardes and gardens, and euery of them, and for paling, rayling, or enclosing of parkes, forestes, chases or other groundes, & for making or repairing of water workes, dampes, briges, fludgates, making, repairing, or amending of shippes & all other vessels, and for all other thinges concerning their owne vses or affaires, in suche like maner and fourme as he or they should or might lawfully haue Done before the making of this acte, any thing in this present acte before mentioned to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoritie afore saide, that it shall not be lawfull to any persone or persones, whiche after the sayde feast of saint Michael, shall haue any woodes, or vnderwoodes, wherein any other person or persones iustly hath or haue vsed tyme out of mans remembraunce, to haue common of pasture, to fell or cut downe the sayd woodes and vnderwoodes, there growing or beinge, or that shall growe or be in any suche woodes or vnderwoodes, excepte it be to his owne vse and occupation, vntill such tyme as the fourth parte of suche woodes, vnderwoodes or groundes, where the sayde woodes nowe growe, or as muche as the fourth parte of the sayde grounde or soyle, whereupon suche woode is or shalbe and growyng, shal amounte vnto, shall be by the lord and owner for that tyme beyng, of the sayd grounde or soyle, deuyled, set out, meted, bounded, fenled and enclosed in maner and fourme as by this acte hereafter shall be declared, ordeyned and prouyded: that is to say, the sayde lord that then shall be owner of the sayde grounde or soyle, shall call together the tenants and inhabitantes beinge commoners in the sayd grounde or soyle or the more part of them, and vpon the assemble or meeting of the sayd Lord tenants and inhabitantes or the more part of them, the sayde Lord owner, by the assente consent and agreemente of the sayde tenants and inhabitantes, or of the more parte of them, shall seuer, deuide, set out, meete and bound the fourth part of the sayd woodes and vnderwoodes, or so much thereof as shal amounte to the full fourth parte thereof. And if the sayde lord and the sayde tenants and inhabitantes, or the more part of them, can not, wil not, or do not assent, consent, and agree, for, or vpon the seuering, deuiding, setting out, meting, and boundinge of the sayde fourth parte of the said woodes and vnderwoodes, or of as much therof, as shal amount to the full fourth part thereof, that then two iustices of the peace, not being of the kin, aliance, counsaile, or fee, of or to the sayd Lord or owner, being therunto appointed by the more number of iustices of the peace of the shyre, where the sayd ground or soyle lyeth in their open quarter sessions, vppon request and suite made vnto them by the lord or owner, or by his or their lawfull deputye or deputies of the sayd woodes vnderwoodes, groundes or soyle, shall haue full power and auctorite to call before them, vppon such paynes and penalties, as the sayde iustices shall limite and appointe, suche rit. of the sayde Commoners and inhabitantes, myghe vnto the same woodes or vnderwoodes, as by the discretion of the
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saide two iustices shalbe thought mete and conuenient. And bypon or after the apparaunce of the same lordes, owners, commoners and inhabitauntes, or the more parte of them, the same iustices shall open and declare vnto the same lordes, owners, commoners and inhabitauntes, the cause of their assemble and apparaunce: and that done, shall by the aduised and assent of the said lordes, owners, commoners and inhabitauntes, or their lawefull deputie or deputies, or of the more parte of theym, effectually procede to the seuerynge, deuiding, meating and bounding of the sayde fourth parte of the sayde woodes and vnderwoodes, or of so muche thereof, as shall amount to the fourth parte thereof. And if the same iustices, owners, commoners and inhabitauntes, or the more parte of them, can not or wyll not agree bypon the diuision bounding or setting out of the saide fourth parte thereof, as is aforesayde: that than the sayde iustices shall haue full power and auctoritie by this act, to seuer, deuyde and set out by mete and bounde, the fourth parte of the said woodes and vnderwoodes, or so muche therof vnder the same fourth part of the saide woodes and vnderwoodes, as shal by the discretions and wisdomes of the saide iustices, be thought necessary and requisite to limit and set out: And within the moneth nexte after such seuerance and setting forth thereof, the owner or owners of the same woodes or vnderwoodes, in forme aforesayde declared, shall sufficientely inclose the same parte of the sayde grounde or soyle, so set forth as is aforesaid, and after suche enclosure made, the sayde owner of the sayde woodes or vnderwoodes, may at his libertie and pleasure, fell cut downe, and take the said woodes and vnderwoodes, being or that shalbe in or bypon the sayde coppies, woodes, vnderwoodes, grounde or soyle so set forth, or any part therof.

¶ Coupyded alwaye and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that there shalbe lefte standing and vnfelled in and bypon the sayde parte of euery the same woodes or vnderwoodes, ground or soyle, so seuered, bounded & set out distinctly in maner and fourme as is aforesayd, at euery felling thereof, suche and like number of standils or stozers of young okes or other younge trees of elme, ashe, aspe, or beech, if it be coppies or vnderwoodes, which shall be so felled or cutte downe. And if the woodes, that shall be felled, shalbe great trees or great woodes, then suche numbrie shall be lefte standinge of great trees, in or bypon the sayde parte to all intentes constructions and purposes, and byō like & the same penalties as is befoze limited and appointed for not leauing referuing & preseruing of standils and stozers aboue appointed to be left standing in seuerall woodes and groundes. And that the sayde parte or parcell so seuered, bounden and set out in maner and fourme aforesaid, after euery fellyng or cutting downe of the coppies, woodes or vnderwoodes for the time being in or bypon the same, by the auctoritie of this act, shalbe sufficientely enclosed and fenced, and the enclosure thereof sufficientely and continually kepte, made, repayred, preserued, and maynteyned by the space of. vii. yeares next after euery felling thereof, in like maner and forme to all intentes and purposes, and bypon the same and like peines and penal-

ties as is before limited, reherfed and appointed, for the not closynge or fencing; and for the not keeping, maintayning, repayning and preserving of the sayd seuerall coppies vnderwoodes and woodes. And also that the standils, stozers and great trees limited and appointed to be left standinge in, or vpon the sayde parte, shalbe there left standinge, preserved and not cut downe in suche lyke maner and fourme, and by all suche tyme, and vponn suche like penalties to all intentes and purposes, as is afore limited, appointed, and declared for the preservation and not felling of the said standils, stozers, and great trees limited and appointed to be left in, and vpon the sayde seuerall coppies, vnderwoodes and woodes. And that after the said felling of y^e sayd coppies, vnderwoodes and woodes, standing growing, or being, or that shal stande, growe, or be in any such part of any the sayde woodes, groundes or places as is before declared, no beastes or cattell, duringe the space of vii. yeares nexte after the felling of the same woodes shal willingly, by anye personne or persons, be put in, or shalbe suffered to feede or to continue in anye parcell of any such parte so set forth as is aforesaide, duringe the sayde terme of vii. yerres next after the felling therof, vpon peyne of forfayture and penaltye of iiii. d. for the putting in of euery beast, or wilful suffering of euery beast or cattell to be put into any of y^e sayd seuerall coppies, vnderwoodes or woodes.

¶ And if it shall happen anye personne or persons beinge owner or owners of any such woodes, vnderwoodes or coppies, set, lying, and beinge in anye wast ground as is aforesaid to cut downe any trees or vnderwoodes, contrary to the forme aforesayde: that then euerye person or persons owner or owners, so offending contrary to this acte, shal lose and forfeit for euery tree so cut downe vi. s. viii. d. the one halfe of all the said forfaytures to be to oure soueraigne lord the king, and the other moytie to such person that wil sue for the same by bill, plaint, action of det, or information in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, in which suite no protection, wager of law, or essoyne shal be allowed nor admitted.

¶ Provided alwaye and be it enacted by the authorite aforesayde, that forasmuch as the sayd tenants, commoners and inhabitantes, shalbe by auctorite of this acte excluded of their commune in the sayd part so to be seuered and set forth as is aforesaid, by al the sayd space and terme of vii. yeares next after the felling or cutting downe of the sayd coppies, woodes and vnderwoodes, that shal growe in or vpon the same part from time to time, that in recompence thereof the same commoners tenautes & inhabitautes shal and may vse, take, and haue theyr comune for their cattell, wythin y^e residue of the said woodes, vnderwoodes, ground & soyle, not being inclosed, in maner and fourme as if this acte had neuer bene had ne made. And that the lord beinge owner of the sayd groundes or soyle, shalbe by the auctorite of this acte excluded and forclosed, to put or haue anye cattell or beastes in or vpon the same residue, or to take anye profit of the pasture in or vpon the sayd residue, during and by all the sayd terme and time of vii. yerres next after the felling or cutting downe of the sayde coppies, woodes, or vnderwoodes, beinge or growing

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growyng, or that shalbe, or growe in or vpon the sayde parte, which shalbe so leuered, deuided, set out, bounded and inclosed, as is aforesayde. And that from and after the sayd vii. yeares expyred and ended, vntil the next fellingge or cutting downe of the sayd coppyes, woodes or vnderwoodes, being vpon the sayd part, being so leuered & deuided as is aforesaid, aswel the same part as the sayd residue of the sayd ground & soyle, shal lye & be vsed in commune, and the pasture and other profites thereof, shal and may be vsed and taken, aswell by the lord being owner of the said grounde or soyle, as by the sayd tenants, commeners and inhabitantes, in like maner, forme and condition, as it should or ought to haue bene before the making of this act, & as if this acte had neuer bene had or made: any thing in this acte contayned to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Provided also that it shalbe lawfull to euery person and persons to sell and to enclose all theyr coppyes woodes and vnderwoodes in anye waste groundes, which before the making of this acte haue bene vsed to be enclosed preserued and kept for the maintenance of wood & vnderwood, anye thinge in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas peraduenture the Lord or owners of the foresayd woodes and vnderwoodes, after that they haue enclosed and fensed the fourth part thereof, or asmuch of the same as shalbe to them limitted and assigned by the sayd Iustices of peace or commoners, wil not, nor do not sel the same woodes and vnderwoodes so enclosed or to be enclosed, but suffer the same to stand and grow, wher by the comoners, who ought to haue theyr comune of pasture wythin the same part so enclosed, shall lose and be put from theyr sayd comune therein: Be it therefore enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, yf the same part of wood and vnderwood so enclosed, be not felled within iiii. monethes nexte after the enclosing thereof: That then and so longe as the same woodes shall not be felled, it shalbe lawfull to the sayde commoners, to put their cattel into the same wood and ground so enclosed, and that the owner thereof shal leaue open conuenient places, wythin the same enclosure, wherby the comoners beastes may haue accesse & come into the same wood so enclosed, and there to pasture and feede as longe as the same woode shall stand and be vnfelled, any thing contayned in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alway and be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that this act ne any thyng therein conteyned or expessed, extende or be preiudiciall to any of the lordes or owners of the woodes, vnderwoodes or woodlandes, growyng or beinge within any of the townes parishes or places commonlye called or known to be wythin the weldes of the countres of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex, or of any of them, other then to onely the comyn woodes growyng & being wythin any of the sayd weldes, of the sayd countres of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex: any thing in this present act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes that this present acte or any thing therein contayned, shall

shall not extende or be preiudiciall or hurtfull, or extende to charge any person or persones, whiche before the feast of saint Michael the archaungell, in the xxxiii. yeare of the reigne of our soueraigne lord kinge Henry the. viii. haue bargayned and boughte woodes or great trees, growyng in any the same woodes, for or concerning the felling or cutting downe of the same woodes or trees, or not leauynge of any standilles or stozers of and in the same, according to the tenour of this present acte: any thing penaltie or forfeyture in this present acte contained to the contrary thereof not withstanding.

¶ Provided alway, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte or anye thinge therein contained, shall not extende to charge any person or persones, with any penaltie or penalties contained in this present acte, for or concerning any tymbre trees, growyng within two miles of the sea, in the county of Cornewal, or any other timber trees within the realme, being seare and dead in the toppes, or anye timber trees to be taken by vertue of the kynges highnes commission within the realme, or for or concerning any offence done contrary to the tenour of this acte: onlesse the same persone or persons offending this acte, be sued for the same within one yeare next after the same offence committed or done: any thing in this acte contained to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ Provided alwayes and be it further enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that if any persone or persones do breake or destroy any seuerall fences or hedges, made or to be made for the sauynge of the same woodes, vnderwoodes, growndes or soyles, that euery persone so offending shall forfeyte and lose for euery suche offence. x. s.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any person or persons suffer his swine, being of the age of ten weekes or aboue, during such yeares as the said woodes be appointed and ordeined by this act to be enclosed, at any time after the first day of August next comming, to go or runne in any common or seuerall ground or woodes, onlesse the same swyne be sufficiently ringed or pegged: that then the owner or owners of euery suche swyne shall forfeyte and lose for euery suche his swine, that shall so go or runne in any the sayde groundes, woodes, or vnderwoodes: and not being sufficiently ringed or pegged as is aforesaid, from and after the sayde first day of August next coming. iiii. d. the one half of al & euery the said forfeyture, if it be in any of the kynges woodes or groundes, to be to his highnes, and the other to the finder thereof. and if it be within any other persone or persones sayde groundes, woodes or vnderwoodes, then the one halfe of all and euery the same forfeytures to be to the owners of the soyle, and the other part thereof to be to him that will sue for the same by bill, plaint, action, information, or other wyse in any court of recorde, wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne or protection shalbe allowed nor amitted.

¶ Provided alwaye, that where any woodes or vnderwoodes, shall after the saide feast of saint Michael the archaungel, be felled or cut downe in any parke or ground inclosed, wherein any deere shalbe then kepte, that the owner

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ner or owners, possessor or possessors of suche parke and parkes or groundes inclosed for here, to be chargeable for the enclosure and preservation of the same, as is aforesaid, but onely for the space of iiij. yerres after any such tyme of felling or cutting downe of the same coppies, woodes or vnderwoodes, and not aboue: anye thing contayned in this acte to the contrary thereof in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ Prouyded also, and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that if the enclosure or enclosures of anye of the sayde coppies, woodes, vnderwoodes or groundes, happen to be broken or pulled downe by anye personne or personnes against the willes and mindes of the owner or owners possessor or possessors of the same woodes or vnderwoodes, whereby cattel or beastes escape into the same woodes, groundes, or vnderwoodes, and destroye or hurte the springe thereof, or if the same woodes, groundes, or vnderwoodes be by any meanes destroyed, hurted, or hindred, by any maner of person or persons, or by the cattel or beastes of any person or persons wythoute the assents, minds, and wylles of such owner or owners, possessor or possessors: that then and in euery such case the sayd penalties contayned in this acte, to be extended vpon the same person or persons, in or by whose default the same spring, wood, or vnderwood shalbe so destroyed, hurted or hindred, and not vpon the owner or owners possessor or possessors of the sayde woodes, groundes, or vnderwoodes, any thing contained in this acte to the contrary thereof in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ Prouyded also and be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that it shall and may be lawfull to euery owner and owners, possessor and possessors, theyr fermours and assignes of al and singular the sayd woods, vnderwoodes, groundes and coppies, after such tyme as the same woods, vnderwoodes, groundes, and coppies, haue bene fensed and inclosed, or the spring therof other wyse preserved by the space of two yeaeres next after the felling thereof, to put coltes and calues, beinge vnder the age of one yeaere, into the sayd woodes, vnderwoodes, groundes and coppies, any thing contayned in this acte to the contrary thereof in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ And this present acte and actes to endure onely by the space of vii. yeaeres next after the sayd feast of S. Michel tharchangell: and from thence vntill the ende of the next Parlyament.

Thomas Berthelet regius impressor excudebat.

CVM PRIVILEGIO AD IMPRIMENDVM SOLVM,

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An Acte concerning the kynges generall pardon.

Capi. xviij.



He kynges moste royall maiestie, prudentlye consyde-
 ryng, that albeit hys hyghnes of hys most excellent pitie be-
 nignitie and mercy, manyfolde tymes heretofore mercy-
 fully and liberally hath graunted hys most free and gene-
 rall pardon to all and synguler hys subiectes, by the why-
 che hys maiestie hath remitted and released innumerable
 and inestimable substance and profyttes, which he mought
 haue lawfully had and taken by the lawes and customes of this his realme,
 trustinge by his often remission pardon and mercy ministred to his subie-
 ctes, to allure offendours from vice to vertue, and that they wold put
 theyr diligent deuoyrs, to amend and resourme theyr abuses: yet neuer
 thelesse his louinge and obedient subiectes, sithens his laste most gracious
 and lyberall pardon to them graunted, haue incurred into innumerable
 penalties losses forseyntures and damages, wherof none or fewe of them
 are able to make ful recompence or condigne satisfaction to this hyghnes, if
 his maiestie shuld procede agaynst them by due course of his lawes, tru-
 styng that now from henseforth they wyl esteemes amend and beware the
 incurring of the foresayde dangiers and perilles, seynge they haue had so
 many admonitions and gentle warnynges, and perceyuyng also the great
 seale and affection, whyche hys louing subiectes beate vnto hym and his
 dignitie royall, as by many waies in this present parliament they haue de-
 clared and shewed. In consideration wherof, and trustyng as afoze, the
 kynges hyghnes to shewe vnto his louynge subiectes, that he bothe can
 and will consider whan he is both kindly and louingly handled of them, v-
 pon his mere motion, and to declare also his tender loue and affection,
 which he beareth vntoo his nobilitie and subiectes, according to his accu-
 stomable goodnes, is contented and pleased at this tyme to extende his pi-
 tie mercy and benignitie to al and singular his subiectes of this his realme
 of Englad, Wales, the ysles of Iernsey and Garnsey Berwike and Caleys
 and the marches of the same, by waye of his free pardon and remission, as
 hereafter foloweth, rather coueting their amendmentes by gentle and mer-
 cifull meanes, than to be enriched by theyr euyll deedes and offences. And
 for that his said free pardon to be had take and enioyed to and by them and
 euery of them, by vertue of this present act, his grace is fully and resolutely
 contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parlia-
 ment, in maner and fourme folowing, that is to saye: That al and euery of
 his said subiectes as well spiritual as tempozall of this his realme of En-
 glande, Wales, the sayde ysles of Iernsey and Garnsey, Berwike and Ca-
 leys and the marches of the same, the heyres successours executors and ad-
 ministratours of them and euerye of them, and all and syngular bodyes in
 any maner of wyle corporate, cities, boroughes, shires, ridinges, hundredes
 lathes

lathes, rapes, wapentakes, to wones, villages, and tythings and euery of them, and the successour and successours of euery of them, shalbe by auctorite of this presente parliament acquitted, pardoned, released, and discharged against the kinges highnes, his heires, successours, executors, and euery of them, of all maner treasons, felonies, robberies, offences, contemptes, trespasses, wronges, disseites misdemeanours, forfeitures, penalties and profits, summes of money, peines of death, peynes corporall and pecuniarie, and generally of all other thinges, causes, quarels, suites, iudgements and executions, in this presente acte hereafter not excepted nor forpyled, which may be or can be by his highnes in any wyse or by anye meane pardoned before, and vnto the xiiii. daye of January, in the xxxv. yeare of his most gracious reigne, to euery or any of his said subiectes, bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, shires, ridings, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, to wones, villages and tithinges or any of them.

And also the kynges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctorite of this presente parliamente, that his saide free pardon shalbe as good and effectual in the lawe to euery of his said subiectes, bodies corporate and other before reherfed, and to euery of them, by the said generall wordes before reherfed, in and against all thinges which be not hereafter in this present acte excepted, as the same pardon shoulde haue bene of al offences, contemptes, forfaytures, causes, matters, suites, quarelles, iudgements, executions, penalties, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted, had bene particularly, singularly, specially and plainly, named, reherfed and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names in their kinds, natures and qualites by wordes & termes thereunto requisite, to haue bene put and expresse in this presente acte of free pardon. and that his sayde subiectes, nor anye of theym or the heires executors and administratours of any of them, nor any of the sayd bodies corporate, and others before named or any of them, be or shalbe sued, bered, or inquieted in their bodies, goodes, landes, or cattelles, for any maner matter cause, contempte, misdemeanour, forfayture trespass, offence, or any other thing suffered done or committed before the said. xiiii. day of January, against his highnes, his crowne, dignite, prerogative, lawe or statutes, but onely for such matters, causes, and offences, as be plainly reherfed in the exceptions in this presente acte hereafter mentioned, and for none other, anye statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vses, or president hereafter had, made, or vled to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

Also the kynges highnes of hys bounteous liberalite, by auctorite of this present parliamente, graunteth and freely gnueth to euerye of his sayde subiectes and to euerye of the sayde bodies corporate and other before reherfed and to euery of them, all such forfaytures and summes of money by any of them forfayted, which to his highnes do or should belong or appertain by reason of any offence, contempt, trespass misdemeanour, matter cause or quarrell, suffered, done or committed by them or any of them, before the sayd. xiiii. day

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Daye of Januarie, which be not hereafter plainlie forpyssed or excepted in this present acte. And all and euerye the kynges sayde subiectes, and all and singular bodyes corporate and other before reherfed, maye by hym or theym selues, or his or theyr deputye or deputies, or by his or theyr atturneye or atturneyes, accordinge to the lawes of this realme, pleade and minister this presente acte of free pardon, for his or their discharge of and for euery thinge that is by vertue of this present acte pardoned, discharged, gyven or graunted, wythout any fee or other thing in anye wyse payinge to anye person or persons for wytyng or entre of the iudgemente or other cause concerninge such plea, wytyng or entre, but onely xii. d. to be payde to the officer or clerke that shall enter the plea, matter or iudgemente, for the parties discharge in þe behalfe: any statute or vse to the contrary notwithstanding.

C And furthermore the kynges highnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by the auctorite of this presente parliamente, that this his sayde free pardon, by the generall wordes before reherfed, shal be reputed deemed, and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner courtes of his, and els where, in al and singular clauses wordes and sentences mentioned and reherfed in this sayde free pardon, most beneficiallye and auaylable to all and singular his sayd subiectes, bodyes corporate and others before reherfed, and to euery of them, and moste stronglye in barre and discharge against his highnes bys heyes, successours & executors, in euery thing wythout anye obstacle, ambiguitye, chalenge or other delaye whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleded, objected, or alledged by the king our soneraigne lord, his heyes, successours, or executors, or by his, or any of their general attourney or attourneys, or by any person or persons, for his highnes or anye of his heyes, successours, or executors.

C And furthermore it is enacted by the auctorite of this presente parliament, that if anye officer or clerke of anye of his highnes courtes, commonlye called the kynges bench, chauncerye, and common place, or of his eschequer, or anye other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes, wythin this Realme, at anye time after the fyrst daye of Maye next comminge, whiche shalbe in the yeaere of our Lord God M. D. xliiii. make out or wyte out any maner writs or other processe, or any extretes, commons or other precepts, wherby any of the said subiectes, or any of the sayd bodies corporate, or other before reherfed, or any of them shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distrayned, somoned or otherwise beryed, inquieted or greued in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes or cattelles or in any of the, for or because of any maner thinge pardoned or discharged, by vertue of this acte of free pardon. Then he so offending, and thereof lawfully cōdemned, shal yelde and pay for recompence thereof to the partye so greiued or offended, treble damages, accounted as parcels of these damages al costes of the suite: And neuertheles all and singular such writtes, proces, extretes and precepts, so to be made for or vpon any maner thing pardoned or discharged by this present acte of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

Excepte and alwayes forpyssed oute of this generall free pardon, all and all maner of heresies and erronious opinions, and all maner of suche highe treasons committed or done by any person or persons, by anye ouert dede wyrtinge or pryncing, only against the kinges and the Queenes most royall persons, or either of them, the heyres and successours of his maiestye or any of them, and all insurrections, rebellions, conspiracies and confederacies, traitterously had, committed, deuised or done by any person or persons against the kinges personne or this his realme. And also excepted all treasons committed or done by any person or persons by colour of any pretence to the intent to deprive the kinges maiestye of his title of supreme hed of the church of Englande and Irelande, or of any of them. And also excepted al maner of treasons committed or done by any person or persons in the parties beyond the sea, or in anye other place oute of the kinges Dominions, and all suites punishmentes, executions, pynes of death forseyntures and penalties, for or by reason or occasion of anye of the heresies or treasons afore excepted. And also excepted and forpyssed oute of the saide pardon, all offences and contemptes committed and done by any person or personnes againste the statute or statutes of prouision and premunire, or againste anye of the same statutes, and all forseyntures, profittes and titles that maye growe or come to the kinges highnes by reason of the same. And also excepted all prepenesed and voluntarie murders, all kindes of voluntarie and wilfull poysoning of any person or persons, and all offences concerninge the abominable vice of buggerye. And all and singular burgularies of houses and Churches, and al robberies of goodes in Churches or Churches. Al robberies done vppon or to mennes personnes, all rapes and carnal rauishmentes of women, all wilfull and felonious burninge of houses, all wilfull escapes, as well of heretykes traptouts and felons, as of clerkes atteinted. And also excepted all felonies and robberies against the lawes and statutes of this realme, of felonious taking or stealing of any money, goodes or cattelles aboue the value of xl.s. And also excepted all and singular accessaries of or to the saide offences before excepted, and to euerye of them or any of them. And also excepted all atteindors and vtliers of heresies, treasons, murders, robberies and burgularies, and also of felonies aboue the summe of xl.s. promulged or had against any person or persons. And also excepted all offences committed or done by anye coniuration nygtramacy witchcraftes sorcery or inchaunmentment, contrary to y fourme of anye the statutes in that case prouided: And all offences done by dygging downe or casting downe of anye crosse or crosses. And also excepted al maner of prophesying vpon declaration of names, armes, badges or other thinges contrary to the statute in that case prouided. And also excepted all riottes, routes, and unlawfull assemblies committed or done aboue the number of xx. personnes. And also excepted all maner of alienations and gyftes into mortmayne, or to the vse of any maner of mortmayne, without the kinges lycence. And all maner of takinge the issues, rentes, reuenues, and

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and profittes of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, of anye traytoure, murderer, felon, clerke or clerkes atteinted, persons outlawed, and fugitives, or of anye of them. And also excepted all treasure troue, and al intrusions had, made or done in any manours, lands, tenementes, or other hereditamentes. And also excepted all wastes of the kynges woodes, in anye of his focestes, parkes, chaces and els where, and all offences against bert and benyson, in any of the kynges focestes, parkes or chaces, contrary to the statute or statutes thereof had or made. And al wastes comitted and done in any of the kynges wardes landes, or in the wardes landes of anye of the kynges committees. And also excepted all forfeitures of maryage, and all offences of vsurpe and corrupte bargaynes. And also all concelementes of customes and subsidies, and of all and singuler accomptantes. And also excepte all and singular dettes due to the kynges highnes, or to anye other to his vse. And also excepte all enclosures and decayes of houses of husbandry made, done, committed or permitted contrary to the fourme & effect of anye estatute or estatutes heretofore made, and all issues, profittes, amerciamentes, fynes and other penalties, whiche now be due for anye suche enclosure or decayes. And also excepted all maner of rashinges, interlinings, embeslinge and withdrauinge of any record in any of the kynges courttes against the fourme of the statute in that case provided.

¶ And also excepted all maner of vnlawful claymes, vsurpations, vser abuses, and not vser of anye liberties, fraunchises, priuileges and iurisdiccions, wherof or for the which anye wryte or suite of Quo varranto is now dependyng in any of the kynges courttes. And also excepted and forpyled al offences committed suffered or done by any person or persons against the fourme of the statute or statutes of sewers and kedels. And also excepte all and singular alienations wythout licence, of anye manours, landes tenementes or hereditamentes, holden of the king in chiefe: and al ranshmentes and withholdinges of the kynges wardes, and wardes landes, at anye tyme come or growen to the kynges handes, and not yet discharged.

¶ And also excepted all accomptes, and all actions suites & impetitions for the same. And all arrearages of accomptes and dettes due for the same, and all detayning and wythholdinge from the kynges highnes of any of his goodes or cattelies. And also excepte all titles and actions of Quare impedit, and all escapes of clerkes atteinted, and al homages and relieves, rentes, seruices and arrearages of the same not done or payed.

¶ And also excepted all dettes which were due to the moste noble kinge of famous memozy king Henry the seventh, or to any person or persons to his vse, by and condemnation, recognisance, obligation or other wyse.

¶ And also all and singuler those forfeitures beinge due to oure soueraigne lord king Henry the viii. by anye penaltie, statute or statutes, which be conueried into the nature of det by iudgement or by agrement of the offendour or offendours.

¶ And also excepted all forfeitures and other penalties and profittes growen

men or due by reason of any offence or acte committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common law, wherof any seizure is made, or any information is geuen in the kinges eschequer, or any suite or action commenled in the same eschequer, or in the kinges bench, common place, or in the sterre chamber, or whereof the kynges hyghnes by hys byll signed or other wyse, heretofore hath made any gyft or assignement to anye person or persous.

C And also excepted all issues fines and amerciamentes assayed, taxed, set, extorted, or iudged severallye or particularye, extendinge to anye summe or summes of money.

C And also excepted and forgyved oute of this generall and free pardon all such persons as the sayd xiiii. daye of Januarie or after, and before the xvii. daye of Marche, in the yeare of oure Lorde God. M. D. xliii. were or be in pryson wythin the toure of London, or els where for anye maner offence of herespe or hyghe treason. And also excepted all and every such personne and persons as haue bene heretofore excepted and forgyved by name or names in any general pardon, or in any other pardon geuen or graunted by our sayde soueraigne lord the king.

C And also excepted all such personne and persons, which haue heretofore fledde for their offences of herespe or highe treason, out of this realme of England, or other the kinges dominions of the same.

C Provided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctorite of this presente parliament, that all and every personne and persons, which haue tended or ought to sue livery out of our sayde soueraigne Lorde the kinges handes, of any manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, shall sue his or theys livery and liveries out of our sayd soueraigne lord the kinges handes, for his or their manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, any article acte or actes, thing or thinges, in this presente acte of generall and free pardon compysed and specyfied to the contrary notwithstandinge.

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